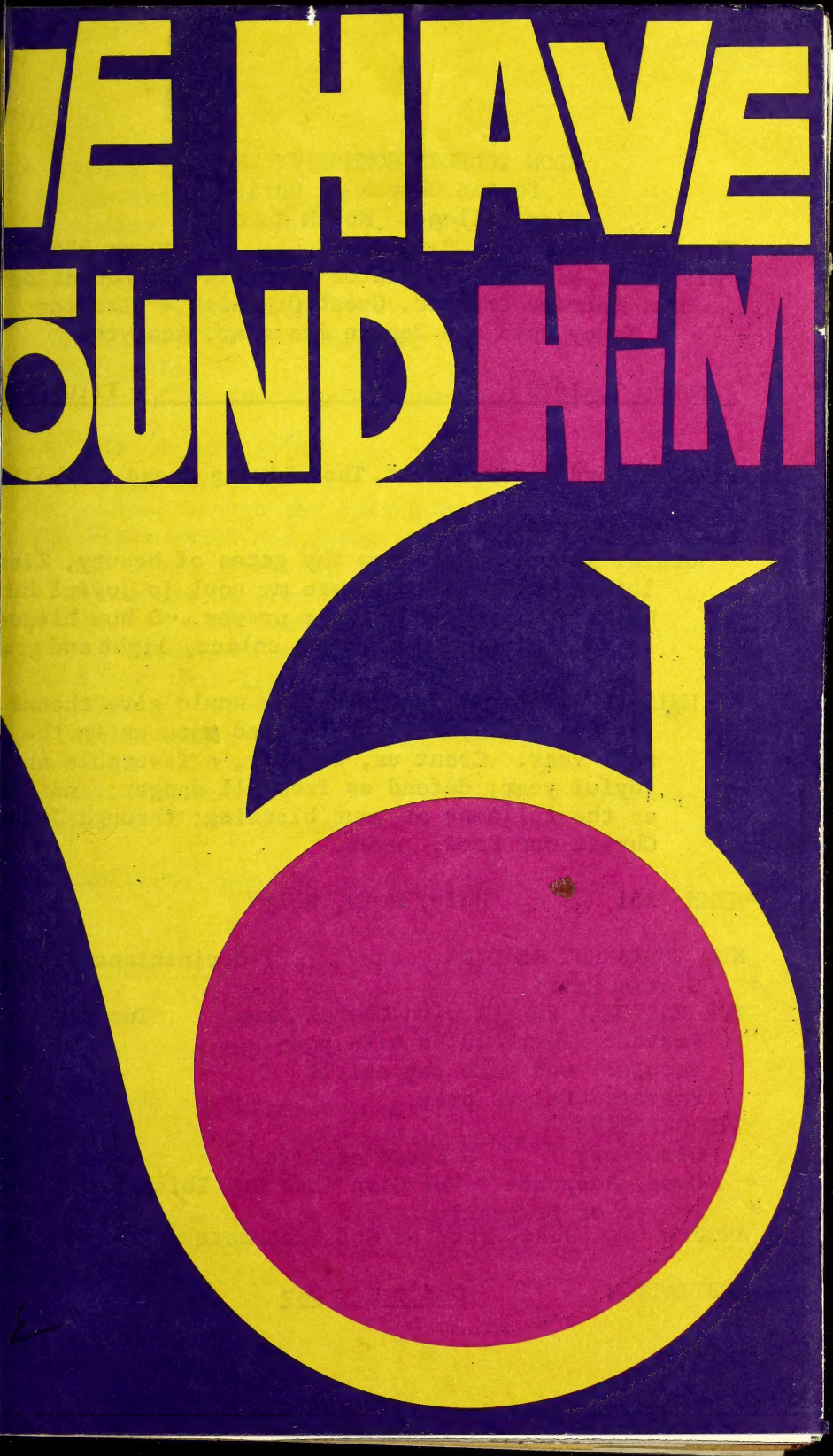

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
United Church of Christ
Elon College, North Carolina
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Miss June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
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Nancy Boyd and Jennie Seamster, Acolytes

January 7, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Lord Jesus Christ, Thou Living Bread Pachelbe

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit: Open now thy gates of beauty, Zion
let me enter there, Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for him who answers prayer. O how blesse
is this place, Filled with solace, light and grac

UNISON PRAYER: Almighty God, we would give thanks
for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the
past year. Grant us, we pray, a favorable and
joyful year; defend us from all danger; and sen
us the fullness of your blessing; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 1:18-3
* Gloria Patri
THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Amen Twofold Amer
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit
Pastor: Let us pray:
THE OFFERING
Offertory O Bread of Life Bende
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
ANTHEM Jesu, Word of God Incarnate Mozart

MEDITATION God's New Day

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

THE PLEDGE OF DEDICATION (in unison)
We pledge ourselves
To follow through the coming year
The light which God gives us;
The light of Truth,
The light of Freedom,
The light of Faith,
The light of Love,
Guided by this light,
We shall go forward to the work of another year
with steadfastness and confidence.
BENEDICTION
Choral Response Nunc Dimittis
POSTLUDE Sanctus Scheidt

*Indicates when the congregation stands

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Ruth Dunn in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Dunn, Sr.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 7:30 and the Christian Education Committee on Tuesday evening at 7:00.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 7, 197**

John 1:43-5

"We have found him," the disciples declared. Yet they never found wha they were looking for. They hoped for a fulfillment of their dreams, bu Christ invited them to new dreams. He held out a fresh vision, the visio which was like ancient Jacob's dream, a ladder of traffic between th power of God and the affairs of men. Such a vision was and is not s much for a new year as for a new world and a new life. The old worl filled with fatigue, anger, and fear is one in which human affairs are cu off from the power and purpose of God. But now we have a vision of th way it really is. We find what we didn't seek. Such a vision boggles th mind with new power and new claims.

MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

Every congregation, ideally, needs a full-time pastor; and sometime a larger congregation calls for the services of several ministers.

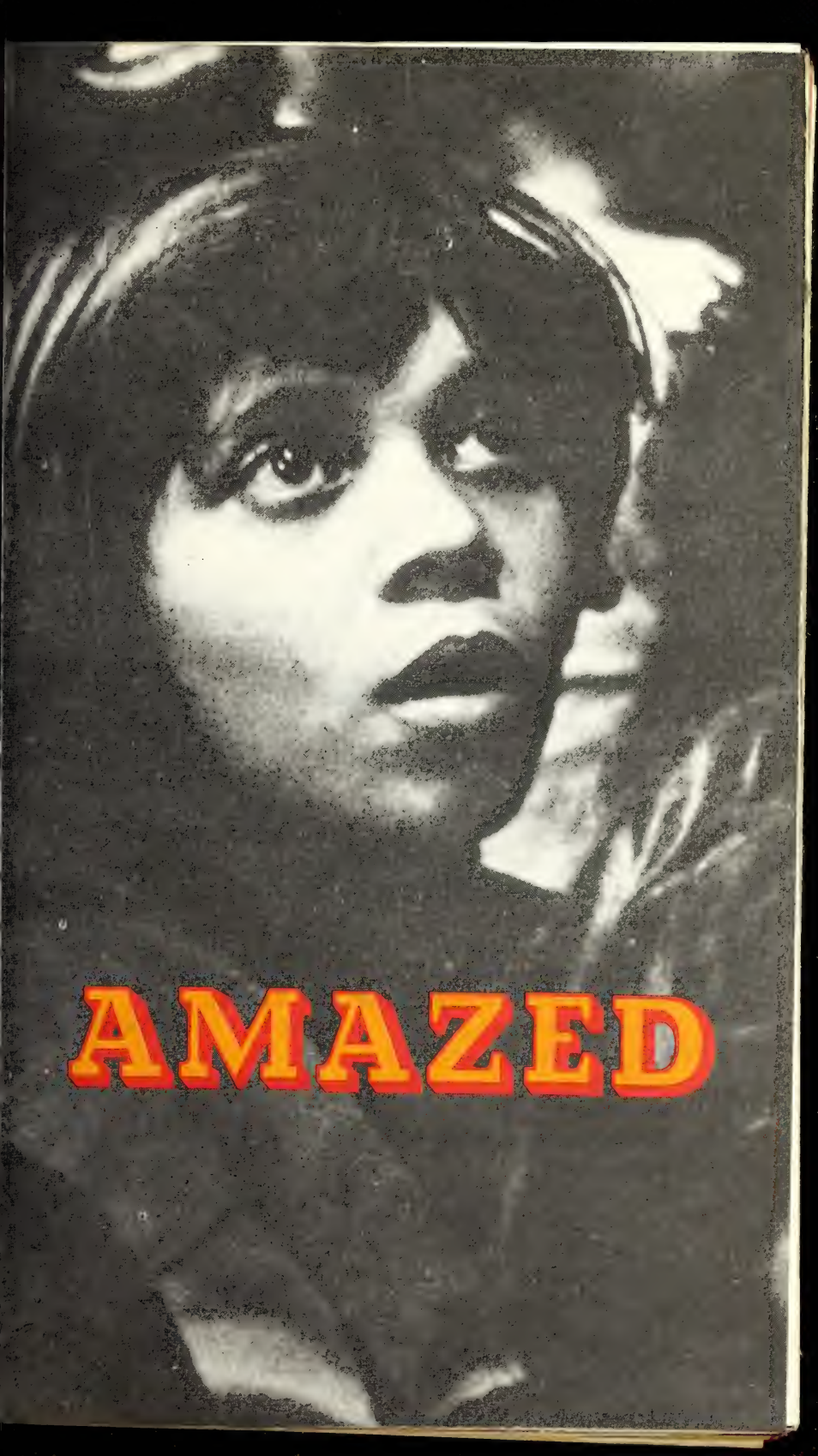
Where do these ministers all come from? How are they prepared fo the professional and technical service which they must render? First o all, they come from our homes, from our congregations. And then the need seven or eight years of education beyond high school to prepar to be a minister.

This means going through four years of college and through three o four years of seminary study. The church needs its finest young peopl for the ministry, and it must provide theological schools where they ca be educated for their high calling.

Today's minister must be as well educated as your family physicia or lawyer. Our seminaries are constantly searching for ways to help o ministers render better service. Increasingly, they are providing co tinuing educational resources so that your present minister can rene his knowledge and skills. You participate in theological education wheth you have known it or not.

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Cindy Rinker and Faye McLelland, Acolytes

January 14, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Light Divine Willan

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lord
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O thou ever-living God, who art present when thy people gather together in thy name, unite us with all who worship thee in little groups and in great congregations in all lands, that we may give thee the glory due thy name.
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 372 "How Firm A Foundation"

THE LIVING WORD
Responsive Reading No. 125, page 544
New Testament Mark 1:7-13
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Now God Be Praised Vulpius
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
Sermon Into Temptation

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Antiphon and Interlude Van Hulse
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Benediction
Choral Response "Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
Postlude Our God, Our Help Willan

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Return often.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. William T. Scott by Miss Nannie D. Reitzel.

THE MONDAY CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship have been re-scheduled from last week to tomorrow.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Stella Huffine and Dr. J. E. Danieley at Memorial.

THE CONGREGATION expresses Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mrs. J. A. Hunter on January 7.

ALL ELECTED COMMITTEES will meet on January 28 at 6:45. The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will follow at 7:30. Reports from all church organizations are due now. The reports will be mimeographed for distribution at the Annual Meeting.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP during January are being broadcast over radio station WBBB.

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 14, 1973**

Mark 1:21-28

We pigeonhole people. We categorize ideas. We have our minds made up on everything. It's all settled and there are no surprises. Every "establishment" has been like that, even in Jesus' time. It sorts out people: the good, the holy, the sick, the powerful, or the dropout. It seems as though it has always been that way. Jesus' newness is that he cuts through the stereotypes. He eats with the wrong ones, brings the lost home, values the worthless, includes outcasts. He re-orders all our values and creates new options. We yearn for order and for keeping it all the way it is. We are offended by the re-ordering which Jesus brings. It scares us. But it really is amazing!

STORMING THE LAST STRONGHOLD

It has been said that prisons are the "last stronghold" where overt racism can be practiced and perpetrated without too much spotlight. In recent months, uprisings like the one in Attica, New York, have thrown the spotlight of publicity on prison practices and have helped to create a widespread demand for immediate reform.

One of the reforms centers on the treatment of prisoners within penal institutions, especially on equipping them for re-entry into society when they leave the institutions. Another needed reform is in the matter of courtroom procedures. The Christian Church, the United Church of Christ, and the United Presbyterian Church (through its representation on the Coalition of Concerned Black Americans) support a National Black Investigating Task Force which will initiate legal challenges to prejudicial practices, procedures, and laws that deny individuals a fair trial and equal protection under the law.

Thus, the members of our churches are helping to storm what some have called the last stronghold of overt racism in our society.

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He called them; they left & followed Him

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Nathan Gminder and Del Atkinson, Acolytes

January 21, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in D Fischer

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lord
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Remind us, our Father, of the love that will not let us go. Reassure us in this hour that your name is love and that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus. In love, make us one as we are one in our prayer.
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 19 "Praise the Lord, His Glories Show"

THE LIVING WORD
Responsive Reading No. 106, page 537
New Testament Mark 1:9-20
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Turn Back, O Man Holst
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 397 "Lord, Speak to Me"
Sermon Jesus Came, Preaching...

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio from Choral in A minor Franck
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"
Benediction
Choral Response "Let Us Now Depart in Peace"
Postlude Canzon Frescobaldi

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HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Stella Huffine and Dr. J. E. Danieley at Memorial, Burlington and Sam Webster at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the congregation will be held next Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. Each of the elected committees and the Board of Trustees will meet January 28 at 6:45 in the downstairs classrooms.

RESERVATIONS for the Area Churchmen's Fellowship Dinner on Thursday evening are required by tomorrow morning.

QUESTIONNAIRES regarding the anticipated building program were mailed last week. Your help is requested. Please give serious consideration and return the questionnaire by Wednesday.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP during January are being broadcast over radio station WBBB.

He called & they followed

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 21, 197**

Mark 1:14-2

He comes with this abrupt announcement of a new ordering of life. An he calls for allegiance. He doesn't explain or beg or threaten. He jus lays it out there, very simply and very radically. The early disciples wer models of response. They didn't bargain or ask for explanations. The went! Christ always asks us to leave where we have been. It may be dras tic, like leaving job or location. It may be agonizing, like leaving ou favorite project or prejudice or vested interest. Our responses are varied Some of us leave quickly. Some leave reluctantly. Some of us don't leav at all, "for we have great possessions."

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Christ was a man of action. Nevertheless, he frequently withdrew to quiet place, away from crowds, to be alone and to pray. He demonstrate how prayer and activity are integrated parts of a full Christian life.

Those who stress action may have great zeal for ecumenical under takings, interfaith work on social problems, and various activities whic manifest basic goodwill and cooperation among Christians, but the may be in danger of expecting Christian unity to be achieved by huma effort alone.

Those who stress prayer, on the other hand, may pray devoutly tha we "all may be one," but neglect to test their desires and conviction through constructive work and action for that fullness of unity whic Jesus wanted for his church. Prayer can be merely an exercise in wishfu thinking, containing little Christian faith or hope.

So we should, as Christians, ask God to help us find our unity onc more. At the same time we should commit ourselves to whatever attitude and efforts are necessary to gain this blessing from God.

Prayer is basic, since it can produce that interior change which alon can resolve the problem of our disunity. If we are serious about Christia unity we will make it a point to take part in the Week of Prayer. Suc participation will then help us to see the necessity of prayer and to wor for Christian unity throughout the year.

—Rev. Ralph Thomas, S.A.
Director, Graymoor Ecumenical Institute, N. Y

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Jay Updyke and Joseph Gminder, Acolytes

January 28, 1973 11:00 a

PRELUDE Chorale With Variation Walt

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Lo, God is Here
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Gracious God, whose love for all people is revealed in Jesus Christ, grant that we may hear the good news of salvation and, like the disciples of old, respond in obedient faith. In that hope, we offer the prayer Jesus taught his disciples:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 120, page
New Testament Mark 1: 1
* The Gloria Patri

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response

THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Praise Ye The Lord Ivan
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 223 "O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing
Sermon Sharing The Ministry

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory God Himself is with Us Re
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

A PROFILE OF
Catawba College

HURCH RELATIONSHIP

Catawba is a private, senior, educational college affiliated ith the United Church of hrist. Founded in 1851.

OCATION

Catawba's 200-acre, 33 build- g campus is located in a resi- ential area in the western por- ion of Salisbury.

URRENT ENROLLMENT

527 women 637 men

CADEMIC YEAR

An entirely new academic rogram was adopted with the all term, 1971. The program is ased on the quarter system, fea- ures a unit basis for course credit, tresses great freedom of course election, independent study, au- iting, few required courses, and esting out for course credit. The rogram is intended to make the ollege experience more relevant, iving the student opportunities o study in a wide range of fields hile concentrating in one.

AJORS AND DEGREES

Catawba awards an A.B. de- ree in the following majors: ac- ounting, biology, chemistry, hristian education, drama, eco- omics, elementary education, nglish, French, general busi- ess, geology, German, health nd physical education, history, athematics, music, philosophy, hysics, political science, psy- hology, religion, religion and hilosophy, sociology, Spanish, nd speech.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

The library is fully equipped to handle the academic requirements of the courses. The open stacks contain over 100,000 volumes. In addition, the library houses large collections of microfilm, microfiche, government document items, and recordings. The Shuford Science Building contains classrooms, faculty offices, and well-equipped laboratories for the teaching of biology, chemistry, geology, and physics. The building also contains an astronomical observatory with a 15-inch telescope housed in a 14-foot motor dome.

CAMPUS LIFE

Life on the Catawba campus is active and varied. There is plenty of academic work to do, but the College's administration is also aware that a balanced education includes the extracurricular activity.

COSTS

The total fixed Catawba costs are $2346 for men and $2316 for women. Financial aid is available

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Admission is based on the high school record, class rank, scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, personality profile, and recommendation of school officials.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For application forms and other information, write to:

Dean of Admissions
Catawba College
Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

A PROFILE OF
Elon College

CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Elon is a private, four-year, coeducational college related to the United Church of Christ. Founded in 1889.

LOCATION

The 95 acre, 25 building campus is adjacent to Burlington and 17 miles east of Greensboro.

CURRENT ENROLLMENT

712 women 1,123 men

ACADEMIC YEAR

The College's regular session is divided into a 4-1-4 calendar. The fall semester is a four-month term, ending prior to Christmas holidays, followed by a one-month winter term, and a four-month spring term.

MAJORS AND DEGREES

The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded in accounting, biology, business administration, business education, chemistry, economics, elementary education, English, French, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, physical education, physics, political science, religion, religious education, social science, and Spanish.

The Bachelor of Science degree is awarded in music education and radiologic technology.

The Associate in Arts degree is awarded in secretarial science.

Programs leading to teacher certification in both elementary and secondary areas are offered.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

The Iris Holt McEwen Library Building is fully air-conditioned and carpeted, and contains mor than 80,000 volumes. The Duk Science Building has moder scientific equipment and labora tory apparatus for physics, bio ogy, geology, and chemistry.

CAMPUS LIFE

The faculty and administra tion encourage extra-curricula organizations on campus, includ ing social and professional club honor societies, and service or ganizations.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Opportunities are available a Elon College for independen study, winter term study abroad discussion groups on current i sues, and a one-year secretari science course.

COSTS

The 1972-1973 cost per ye including tuition, fees, room, an board for dormitory studen ranges from $2029 to $2179. Th cost for commuting students $1280. Tuition for evening classe is $40 each semester hour. The are opportunities for schola ships, loan funds, and part-tim employment.

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APPLICATION INFORMATION

For application forms an other information, write to:

Director of Admissions
Elon College
Elon College, N.C. 27244

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Nunc Dimittis

* Postlude Praeludium and Ricercar Krieger

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Chester Huey by Mrs. Huey and Family.

THIS EVENING, at 6:45, all elected committees and the Board of Trustees meet in designated rooms downstairs. NOTE: Christian Education Committee meets at 6:30. The Annual Meeting of the congregation will begin at 7:30 in the Parish House.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Stella Huffine and Dr. J. E. Danieley at Memorial, Burlington; Bill Ellis at McPherson, Durham; and Sam Webster at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

PASTOR AND MRS. HAMILTON will be out of town on vacation from January 30 to February 6. They may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the office secretary.

THE ORIGINAL American version of the 338 year old Oberammergau PASSION PLAY depicting the last seven days of Christ on earth will be presented February 6 and 7 at 8:00 p.m. in Burlington's Walter Williams High School auditorium. For ticket reservations, please call Miss Grubb.

NEXT SUNDAY, Dr. John Truitt will be our Guest Minister. At 5:30 p.m. a covered dish dinner will be held at McEwen Dining Hall. Dr. Edward Riggs will be the guest speaker.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 28, 1973**

Matthew 8:23-27

For us moderns, the stilling of storms strikes us as a silly fairy tale or an incredible miracle. But the early church did not make a statement about water or about storms but about Jesus. He has power, power to transform! He has authority to command and control all that threatens and destroys. He can deal with our anxieties which immobilize, with our slaveries that cut us off, with our injustices that dehumanize. The calm is our assurance that life is changed. He rules! And because he rules we need not be up-tight. The world is under his power and it will not fall apart on us. In that context we are freed and summoned to live differently.

FROM TANZANIA TO TOGO

Two Americans, one a Lutheran and the other a member of the United Church of Christ, serve as consultants to church and community literacy workers in Africa. Miss Marian Halverson, the Lutheran, coordinates from her headquarters in Tanzania an extensive program of primer-writing workshops, teacher training, adult literacy classes, and development of multi-media techniques for teaching literacy, and graded literature on Christian ethics and community health.

In West Africa, similar responsibilities are carried by the Rev. Charles Hein, a missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries. Mr. Hein is the author of a text for teaching French to persons literate in African languages. In 1969, he was awarded a citation and medal by UNESCO for his outstanding service. Like Miss Halverson, Mr. Hein represents Intermedia, an agency of the National Council of Churches/ U. S. A. The missionaries serve in response to requests by UNESCO, government bureaus, and church-sponsored agencies. They are valued for their competence as well as for their concern.

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IN PARABLES?





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February 4, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Benedictus A. Rowley

CALL TO WORSHIP Dr. Snyder
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)
O eternal God and Father of us all, implant within our persons the growing seeds of faith and truth, that all our days may bring forth the blessings of discipleship. Be with us still as we make the Master's prayer our own:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 33: 10-16

ANTHEM Deck Thyself My Soul With Gladness Handel

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Chorale in G Van Hulse
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2

SERMON We Are God's Workmanship Dr. Truitt

HYMN 451 "Turn Back, O Man"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Let Thy Word Abide in Us

POSTLUDE Selected

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Return often.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Alexander and Family.

WE ARE DELIGHTED to have Dr. W. W. Snyder and Dr. John G. Truitt lead our Service of Worship today. Our Pastor will return by Wednesday.

THIS EVENING, a covered-dish dinner will be held at McEwen Dining Hall at 5:30. Dr. and Mrs. Edward Riggs, missionaries to India, will be our guests.

RESERVATIONS to the Oberammergau Passion Play on February 6 and 7 may be placed with Miss Grubb.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets next Sunday evening at 7:30.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Stella Huffine and Dr. J. Earl Danieley at Memorial, Burlington.

COPIES of the Annual Reports and Membership Directory are available in the narthex.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will meet next Sunday at 9:45 in the Pastor's study. Please indicate your interest to the Pastor.



PARABLES

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 4, 1973**

Matthew 13:1-17

Some of Jesus' teachings are obvious and some are not. Persons busy with all kinds of other investments and priorities may miss the point of his teaching. His hidden meanings are not just for everybody. To understand does not require learning or ignorance, status or weakness. It requires a patient, long-term drinking of his cup and a sharing of his baptism. Our eyes are opened when we live in his style: compassion for the weak, passion for justice, caring for wholeness, risking for humanness. Our priorities can block us from learning or they can let us understand. It is learning in a demanding way, but there is no other way. His parables are only for those in his company.

A VOCATION FOR WOMEN, TOO

A minister has four main kinds of responsibilities: As a priest, the minister administers the sacraments. As a prophet, the minister preaches the word of God. As a pastor, the minister expresses loving concern and gives guidance, especially to those in specific need. As a teacher, the minister leads the congregation toward an understanding of the Scriptures, the history and doctrine of the church, and the principles of Christian living.

Consider for a moment. Are not women capable of doing these things? A woman's ability to think, understand, and communicate has been proved. Women are accepted as teachers in the community and in the church. Women have earned a respected place in the counseling and guidance professions. Their capacity for compassion is a recognized asset of the church. That God speaks to women as well as to men is a basic concept of Christianity. Women have demonstrated that they can talk about religion, not only in small groups, but, with training and experience, effectively to large audiences. That women can and do administer the sacraments is also an established fact. In the United Church of Christ there are currently 242 ordained women, only 54 of whom are active pastors. The Eighth General Synod called on members of the United Church of Christ to "insist on increasing opportunities for women in theological education, ordination, voluntary roles, and employment at all levels of the church's life." We in the United Church of Christ have made a start, but we have a long way to go!

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Esther Gminder and Faye McLelland, Acolytes

February 11, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Morning Hymn F. Peeter

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lord
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)
O eternal God and Father of us all, implant within our persons the growing seeds of faith and truth, that all our days may bring forth the blessings of discipleship. Be with us still as we make the Master's prayer our own:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 7 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

EPISTLE READING II Peter 1: 5-11, 16-2
* Gloria Patri
The Statement of Faith
ANTHEM Grant Unto Me Saint-Saen

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Ame
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
THE OFFERING
Offertory "Adagio for Organ" Hande
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
GOSPEL READING John 5: 36-4

SERMON "Their Testimony Points To Me"

*HYMN 490 "Now in the Days of Youth"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Let Thy Word Abide in Us

*POSTLUDE Allegro in G Major Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes and Mr. W. R. Owings by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes.

THIS EVENING, the ninth graders will meet at the home of Miss Grubb at six o'clock; the Board of Deacons meets at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

THIS WEEK, the Christian Education Committee meets on Tuesday evening at 7:00; the Junior Choir rehearses Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 and the Adult Choir Wednesday evening at 7:30; Women's Bible Study is Wednesday morning at 9:30; articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lewis E. Wells and Dorothy Shepherd whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here on February 9.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. H. E. Whitesell, Sr. and Vitus Covington are patients at Memorial Hospital.

NEXT SUNDAY, our Early Service will be held at 9:00; Church School will follow at 9:45 and the later Service at 11:00.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will meet next Sunday at 9:45 in the Pastor's study. Please indicate your interest to the Pastor.

YOU DO NOT RECEIVE ME

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 11, 197**

John 5:39-4

The writer of John's Gospel faced a curious problem. He made the mos extravagant claim that Jesus was sent by God. Nevertheless, people di not turn to Jesus. Why was that? Well, said John, we get what we seek So it is today. Seek assurance from slavish Bible study and you will ge it, but it isn't very reassuring. Seek the glory of men and you'll get it but it isn't very glorious. There is only one way to life, *via* Jesus with hi demands, demands of the one we call Lord, demands which move in th direction of dying and rising. Then and now, people have other expecta tions and agenda items. We can't have it both ways. We can't both receiv him and keep all the other options open. The truth is, we would rather no choose.

ST. PAUL'S DILEMMA RESOLVED

When the members of St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Troy N. Y., first learned that their property was to be purchased by urban renewal authorities to be used for a new highway project, they had number of hard decisions to make.

First, they had to decide whether to stay in the inner city or move t the suburbs. They decided to stay. Then they had to decide whether t hunt for another location of their own or to merge with some existing con gregation. They decided to federate with a neighboring Lutheran congre gation, St. John's. Finally, they had to decide what to do with the mone they would get from the sale of their church building and parsonage. Thi was perhaps the hardest decision of all. It was a real dilemma, whethe to invest the money in new buildings or in new programs. They resolve the matter by investing, as they put it, "in people."

The Troy Rehabilitation and Improvement Program, a local, non profit housing organization, received a gift of $3,000 and a low-interes loan of $10,000. *Our Christian World Mission* received $5,000, as di the student loan fund of Eden Theological Seminary. Lesser amount were given to the United Church of Christ Pension Fund, a U. C. C home for the aged, a U. C. C. camping operation, and several local cause Thus, by wise and orderly stewardship, St. Paul's United Church o Christ began a legacy of helping people to help themselves.

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Jennie Seamster and Nancy Boyd, Acolytes

February 18, 1973 9:00 a.m.

A SERVICE FOR PEACE

"As our knowledge of the universe increases, may God grant us the wisdom and guidance to use it wisely." *

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

(Take from our souls the strain and stress
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.)

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 2: 1-5

HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

A POEM "Peace"

Peace is more than a word.
Peace is a flame that burns within the heart,
And reaches out across the length of earth,
Across the seas and wastes,
Jungles and mountains,
Linking the hand of every living man,
Singing his song,
His brave and constant song
Of joy and struggle,
Sorrow and love,
And time, the final chorus, time.
Peace is a breaking down of old fences.
Fences of fear and pride,
Greed and prejudice,
And in their place a common bond of living,
Pole and Turk, Negro and Russian,
Chinese, Eskimo, The same, all together,
In the human family of men
Who walk the earth with different ways and tongues,
Faces and names,
But reach together in their search for peace.

by William Beyer

*The quotation used at the beginning of the Service is inscribed on the window of the Marine Corps Memorial Chapel, Quantico, Virginia, commemorating the first orbital flight by Col. John H. Glenn, Jr., on February 20, 1962.

PACEM IN TERRIS (excerpts)

It is with deep sorrow that we note the enormous stocks of armaments that have been and still are being made in the more economically developed countries...

Justice, right reason and humanity...urgently demand that the arms race should cease; that the stockpiles which exist in various countries should be reduced equally and simultaneously by the parties concerned; that nuclear weapons should be banned; and that a general agreement should eventually be reached about progressive disarmament and an effective method of control.

All must realize that there is no hope of putting an end to the building up of armaments...unless the process is complete and thorough and unless it proceeds from inner conviction; unless, that is, everyone sincerely co-operates to banish the fear and anxious expectation of war with which men are oppressed. If this is to come about, the fundamental principle on which our present peace depends must be replaced by another, which declares that the true and solid peace of nations consists not in equality of arms but in mutual trust alone.

There is an immense task incumbent on all men of good will, namely, the task of restoring the relations of the human family in truth, in justice, in love and in freedom - the relations between individual human beings; between citizens and their respective political communities; between political communities themselves; between individuals, families, intermediate associations and political communities on the one hand, and the world community on the other. This is a most exalted task, for it is the task of bringing about true peace in the order established by God.

Every believer in this world of ours must be a spark of light, a center of love, a vivifying leaven amidst his fellow men. And he will be this all the more perfectly the more closely he lives in communion with God in the intimacy of his own soul.

In fact, there can be no peace between men unless there is peace within each one of them, unless, that is, each one builds up within himself the order wished by God.

Pope John XXIII - April 17, 1963

DISCUSSION

HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love"

AN OFFERING OF SELF AND GIFTS
Offertory Miss Debbie Matze

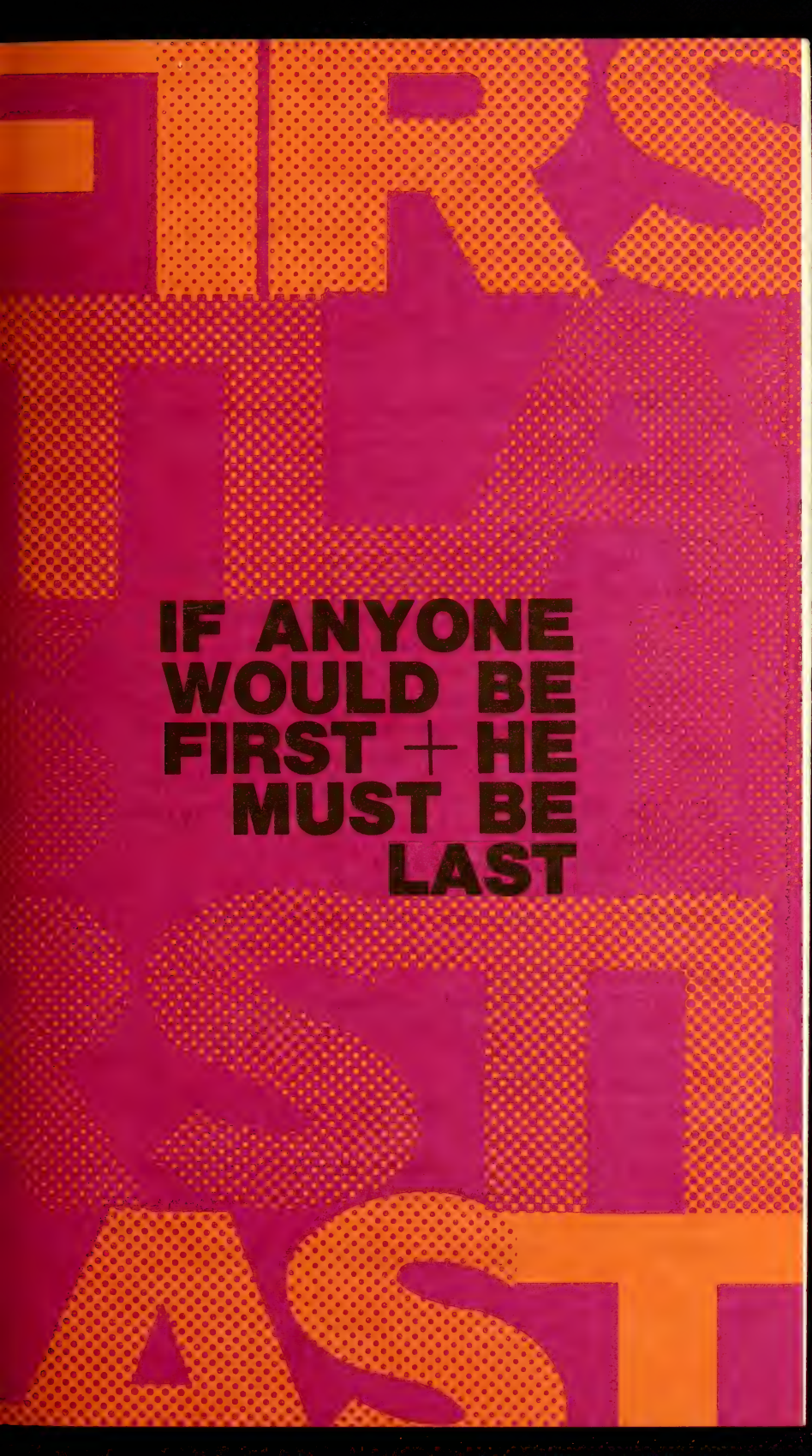
PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
(This prayer, written by Dr. Alfred Hurst, was offered here first on October 15, 1969.)

They'll Know we are Christians by our Love

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be re-
stored.
Chorus
And they'll know we are Christians by our
love, by our love, Yes they'll know we
are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk
hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk
hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God
is in our land.
Chorus

We will work with each other, We will work
side by side,
We will work with each other, We will work
side by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save
each man's pride.
Chorus


FIRST
IF ANYONE
WOULD BE
FIRST + HE
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February 18, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Siciliana Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lord
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)
Father of mankind, guide the nations of the world into the ways of justice, righteousness, and peace and hasten the coming of the day of brotherhood which will become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ. Be with us yet, lest we forget. Amen
*HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

EPISTLE READING II Corinthians 5: 17-2
* Gloria Patri
The Statement of Faith

ANTHEM Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart arr. Hadle

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Ame
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Sheep May Safely Graze Bac
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
GOSPEL READING Matthew 5: 21-2
SERMON What Can You Do For Peace?

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Chorus
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Chorus

*HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians by our Love"
(insert)

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response Let Thy Word Abide in Us

*POSTLUDE Fugue in D Major Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Long in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Johnson, and her sister, Mrs. T. A. Jones.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Return often.

THIS EVENING, the tenth graders will meet at the home of Miss Grubb at six o'clock.

THIS WEEK: The Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee meets tomorrow evening at 7:00... Women's Bible Study is Wednesday morning at 9:30... the Junior Choir rehearses Wednesday at 3:30 and the Adult Choir at 7:30.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. H. E. Whitesell, Sr., and Mrs. Claude Bryant at Memorial, and Bill Ellis at McPherson, Durham.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Franks, Sr. upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Betty Sikes of Kinston on February 11.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members is meeting on Sundays at 9:45 in the Pastor's Study. Others who wish to join us are asked to attend next Sunday.

FIRST•LAST•FIRST•LA

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 18, 197**

Mark 9:30-3

Jesus' saying challenged the false ambitions of his disciples and the false objectives which are always operative in our world. He talked about dying and rising. We talk about getting power and security. And we can scarcely communicate between the two. In our concern for power and security, resurrection is a tough, mind-boggling notion. The route to life is death. The way to power is weakness. The means to security is risk. Kingship comes by caring. The Resurrection contradicts our best strategies. It inverts first and last and makes one wonder why we wanted to be first in the first place.

THE RESTORATIVE POWER OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

When we give to mission work we help leprosy patients in every part of the world.

For example, we are partners with the Church of Christ in Thailand in the work of the leprosy rehabilitation institute at Chiengmai. This institute presently serves 500 patients by providing medicines, therapy, and reconstructive surgery in its hospital section.

In the hospital, all of the jobs below the level of doctor are filled by patients. Jobs are also available in one of the institute's self-help industries for all who are able to work. Some patients are carpenters. Others raise silk worms and cotton. Many are talented wood carvers.

Many leprosy patients have become Christians. They have their own church and they also have a mission of their own. When floods ravaged villages in a nearby province, the leprosy patients raised the equivalent of $100 for the relief of flood victims.

Recently, self-development funds have been made available to purchase land outside the institute. Now, patients whose disease has been arrested will be able to move onto this land with their families and eventually take ownership of their own small farms. One more evidence of the restorative power of Christian love.

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to seek and to save the lost



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February 25, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio in G Major Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (in unison)
O God of faithfulness, grant us now the gift of faith that we may receive mercy and grace to help in every time of need. We offer our prayer in the Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen
*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

EPISTLE READING Romans 8: 26-39
* Gloria Patri
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ANTHEM To Know Him Junior Choir
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THE OFFERING
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GOSPEL READING Mark 2: 18-22

SERMON New Patches For Old Garments

*HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

BENEDICTION

Choral Response Let Thy Word Abide In Us

POSTLUDE Passacaglia in c minor

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to save!

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 25, 1973**

Luke 19:1-10

The lost one in this case was Zacchaeus, a revenue man who was ostracized because honest folks then didn't work in revenue offices. But it could have been a number of others shut off from the sources of power, from the goodies of society. It could have been a leper, a blind man, any of the undeserving poor. In our time it could be the disrespectful young, the excluded female, the worthless aging, the frightening black—persons who have no access to power, no share in the goodies. Jesus came to salvage, to restore such persons with all the power and the goodies pertaining thereto—a curious notion of ministry. People get killed for such notions!

THE CHANGING "MAP"

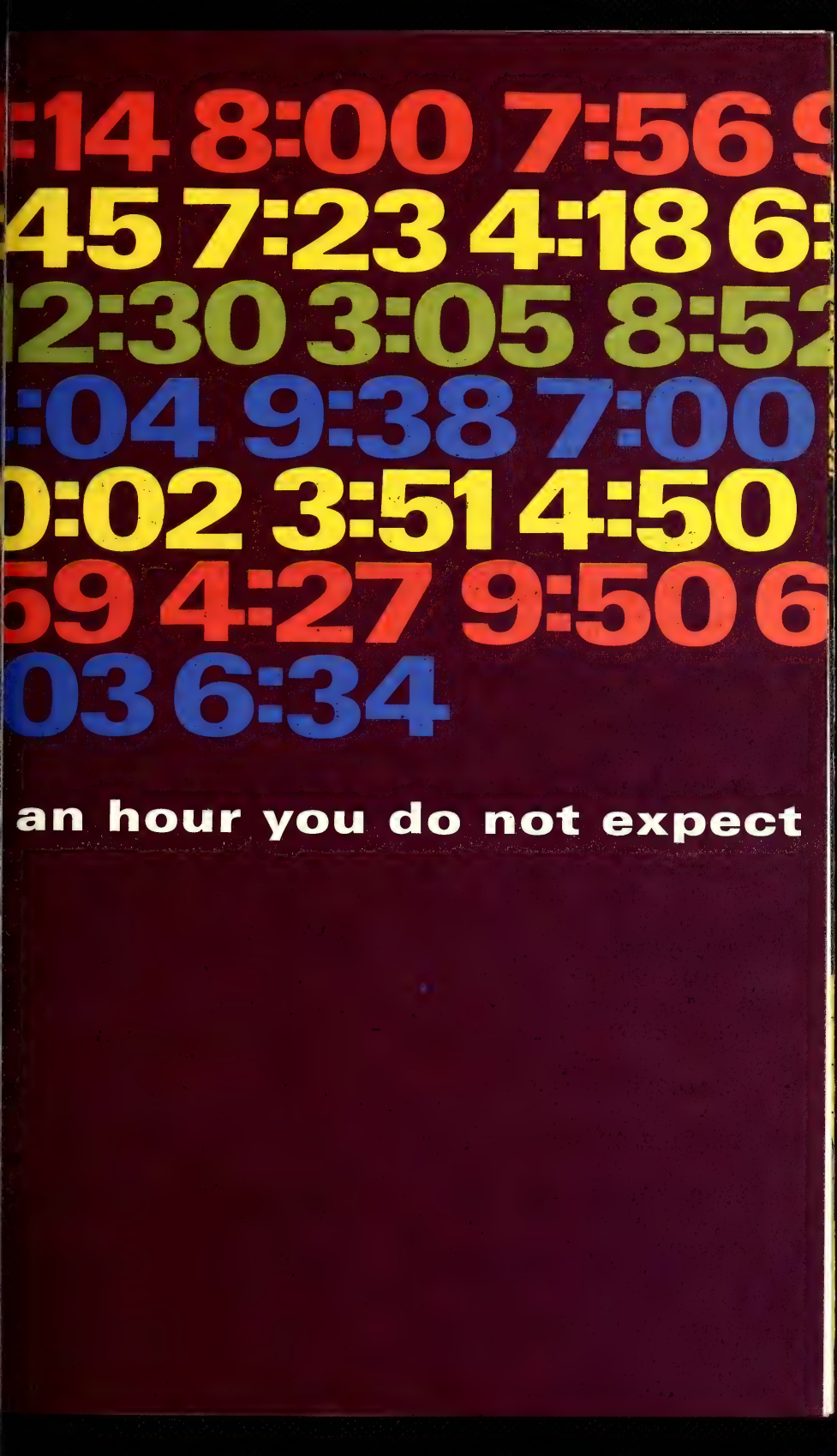
Lay persons are the church's most valuable resource in moving toward constructive social change. After six years of action and research on the part of over 150 participants working in a variety of organizations which shape the life of the modern city, Metropolitan Associates of Philadelphia (MAP) has concluded that secular organizations are important instruments for ministering to persons. These organizations need "change-agents," loving critics within organizations who care about the organization and its impact on the community. The church is perhaps the only source which can provide the support needed to help in clarifying values and vision for these persons and in equipping them with the skills by which they can become more effective.

MAP is staking its future on the ability and willingness of the church, especially the local congregation, to become the key institution for supporting and equipping laity who are thus committed to helping the institutions in which they live and work to become instruments of justice.

Why does MAP consider the congregation to be so important to such an effort? The church has a theological and historical commitment to transforming society. From her Lord, the church can grasp the significance of what it means to be a servant community, enabling the world to come to its full humanity.

Now supported by the Pennsylvania Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ, MAP is committed to helping pastors, lay persons, and church-agency staff to create this unique form of lay ministry.

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March 4, 1973

PRELUDE When in The Hour of Deepest Need Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton

Pastor: Make me to know thy ways, O Lord: teach me thy paths.

People: Lead me in thy truth, and teach me, for thou art the God of my salvation.

Pastor: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

People: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 15 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 17-25

The Statement of Faith

ANTHEM Grieve Not The Holy Spirit of God Mueller
(Maureen Gminder, Soprano)

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response Threefold Amen

*HYMN 397 "Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Elegie Peeters

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Corinthians 12:4-28

DIALOGUE SERMON Miss Grubb and Mr. Rinker

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

*HYMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (st. 1&2)

*BENEDICTION Let Thy Word Abide in Us

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

PRESENTATION OF THE D.C.E. — Mr. Edgerton

CHARGE TO THE D.C.E.

As a member of Christ's Church, the Christian Educator has been called, along with other church members, to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them." In carrying out this educational mission, the Christian Educator is not alone. She works together with the pastor, the committee on Christian education, parents, teachers, and other members of the church.

June, we are here to install you as Director of Christian Education of this church. Do you promise to work with us in guiding and developing our educational ministry?

RESPONSE OF THE D.C.E.

I accept the challenge of this congregation to assume the duties and responsibilities of its Director of Christian Education, and I promise to offer counsel and guidance in planning its total educational ministry.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION — Mr. Harper

The church fellowship bears a responsibility to encourage and support the director of Christian education. In relation to the congregation, the D.C.E. fulfills the role of both servant and prophet---by responding to the church's educational needs and by pointing the way toward excellence in educational ministry.

Together let us affirm our support of June.

RESPONSE OF THE CONGREGATION (standing):

We, the members of this congregation, receive June Grubb as our Director of Christian Education. We promise to labor with her in the church's educational ministry and to give her due honor and support.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor

Miss June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Educatio

Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music

Mr. Howard Edgerton, Moderator

Mr. Kenneth Harper, Chairman of the Committee on Christian Education

Miss Faye McLelland, Acolyte

The Rev. Mr. Richard Rinker, Minister of Christian Education of the Southern Conference

Miss Jenny Seamster, Acolyte

Dr. W. W. Snyder, Superintendent of the Elon Home for Children

OUR WORSHIP SERVICE this morning includes the installation of Miss June Grubb as Director of Christian Education of this congregation. We are grateful to the Elon Home for Children for sharing the responsibility of this ministry. You are invited to join us for the covered dish dinner in honor of Miss Grubb, to be held in the McFarland Building at 12:30 p.m.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Marino, Jr., in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tapscott and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Marino, Sr.

THIS EVENING, the Board of Deacons and also the Executive Board of the Women's Fellowship meet at 7:30.

THIS WEEK, the Family Life Committee meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 and the Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee on Tuesday evening at 7:00... the Junior Choir rehearses Wednesday at 3:30 and the Adult Choir at 7:00...New members will be received next Sunday.

THE NOONTIME LENTEN STUDIES begin this week and will continue each Wednesday during Lent. This week's session will be led by Dr. Gminder on Luke 3:1 - 6:11. Please bring a sack lunch; coffee, tea, and dessert will be provided.

OUR ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE is March 7 at 7:30. The Edgewood congregation has been invited to worship with us. The Reverend Mr. Dolan Talbert will be the guest speaker. Altar Communion will be served.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Claude Bryant at Memorial.

THE CONGREGATION expresses Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jeffreys upon the death of his brother, Walter Jeffreys.

2:45?

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **March 4, 1973**

Luke 12:35-48

We have utter confidence that the Kingdom comes, but we haven't a clue as to when. Some of us know too much and we put newness on a schedule. But Jesus' struggle more often is with our being settled-in. His contemporaries had gotten accustomed to the way things are—always war and poverty and weariness and all the rest. It had always been so and likely would remain so. But the church has a peculiar sense of urgency, knowing all these things will change, that God's newness comes unexpectedly, maybe secretly, often unnoticed. It's easy to like it the way it is. But we are "on alert" for newness—all the time!

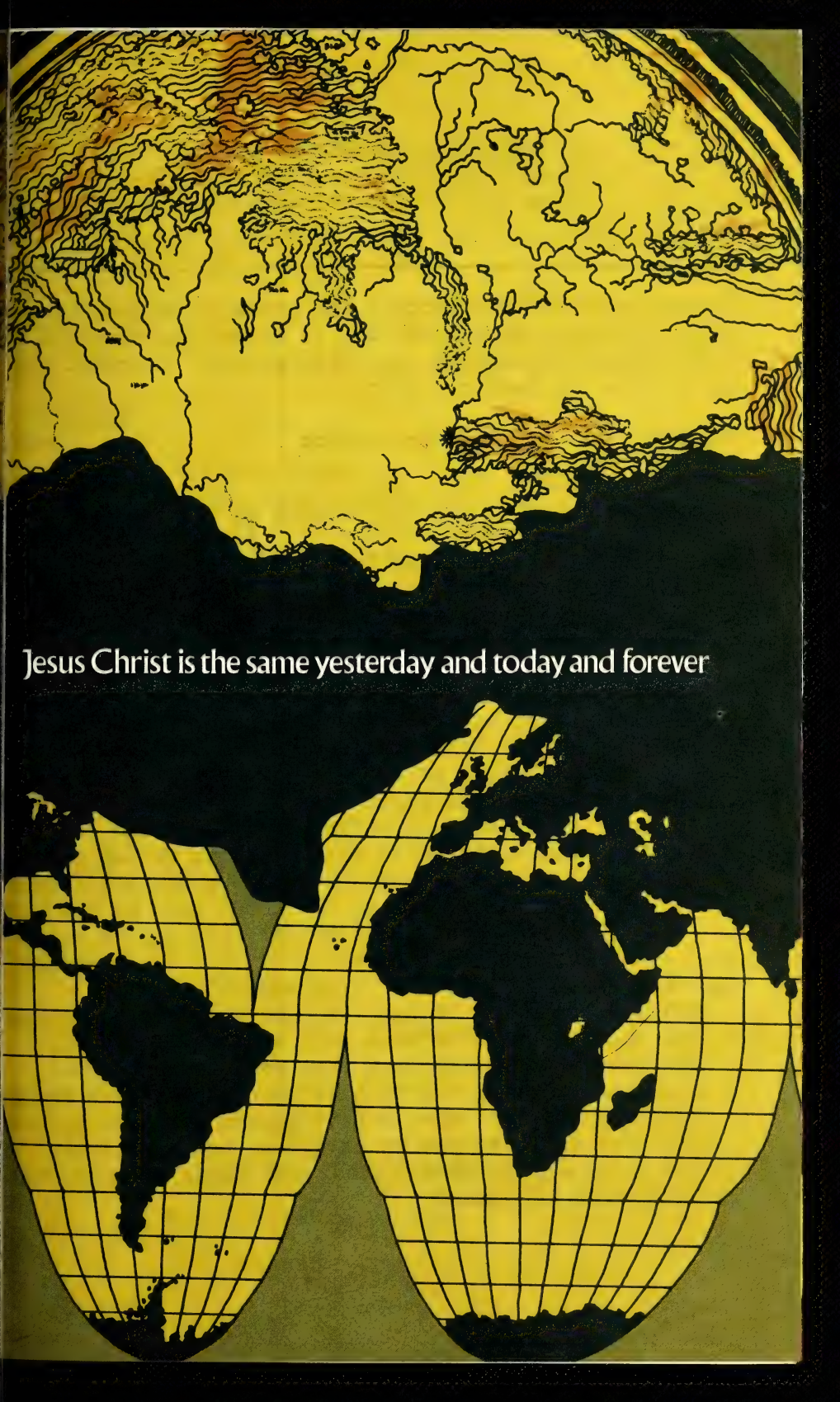
"IT'S FANTASTIC"

Two fifteen-year-old girls, Jeanne and Lucy, were talking to a stranger in the back of a bus taking them to the Ft. Berthold Indian Reservation. The girls were residents of the Charles Hall Home in Bismarck, a home-away-from-home for more than a dozen junior-high young people. What did the girls think of Hall Home? "Well," they replied, "it's just our 'home,' that's the only way to describe it." House parents provide a stabilizing influence but in a tender and loving way. The young people get special tutoring and counseling as they may have need for it. Many who have had a poor scholastic record in the past have found that their experience at the Charles Hall Home can lead to successful achievement in school.

The home is part of the Charles L. Hall Youth Services, Inc., an agency which maintains a close liaison with reservation tribal communities and also administers the Goodbird Home for senior-high young people. The idea of small homelike residences for Indian boys and girls whose families feel that the boys and girls would benefit from this kind of atmosphere has sparked imitation in several other communities and areas.

Charles L. Hall Youth Services, a member of the United Church of Christ Council of Health and Welfare Services, is supported by the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM) and by the North Dakota Conference of the United Church of Christ. While the success of the venture can be measured in a number of ways, perhaps the most significant is the reaction of the girls who live there: "It's fantastic!"

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Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP
Edgewood United Church of Christ
Elon College Community Church
March 7, 1973 7:30 p.m.

In this hour let us practice the presence of God. Let u
pray silently: Dear Lord, who in wisdom has provided th
Lenten Hour, strengthen our faith so that in proper seas
we may win our Easter. Amen.

PRELUDE Aria in G Major Peete

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilt

Pastor: Repent, for the Kingdom of God is at hand.
(John the Baptist)

People: Lord, what shall we do?

Pastor: He opens their ears to instruction and comma
that they return from iniquity. (Job)

People: Lord, what shall we do?

Pastor: Thus says the Lord: Consider your ways.

People: Lord, what shall we do? (Haggai)

Pastor: Come, and return to the Lord; for he has tor
and he will heal us; he has stricken and he
will bind us up. (Hosea)

People: Lord, what shall we do?

Pastor: Seek the Lord while he may be found, call up
him while he is near; let the wicked forsake
his ways and the unrighteous man his thought
let him return to the Lord, that he may have
mercy on him, and to our God, for he will
abundantly pardon. (Isaiah)

THE PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS (in unison)

All that we ought to have thought and have not though
All that we ought to have said and have not said,
All that we ought to have done and have not done;
All that we ought not to have thought but have thought
All that we ought not to have spoken but have spoken,
All that we ought not to have done but have done;
For unloving thoughts, words, and deeds we pray forgi

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ne

HYMN 153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

SCRIPTURE READINGS Mr. Stowe
Joel 2: 12,13; Psalm 139: 23,24; Matthew 6: 16-21

ANTHEM Ave Verum Mozart

PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response Threefold Amen

HYMN 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

MEDITATION Mr. Talbert

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(The ushers will direct the congregation to the Chancel for individual communion. We invite all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith and life.)

A LITANY OF BENEDICTION

Pastor: As we leave this hour:
People: May God be in us.
Pastor: As we rest and sleep tonight:
People: May God be in us.
Pastor: As tomorrow breaks and our routine resumes:
People: May God be in us.
Pastor: As we tire, hunger, and thirst:
People: May God be with us.
Pastor: As doubts and frustrations burst in on us:
People: May God be with us.
Pastor: As unexpected and unprepared-for circumstances throw us off balance:
People: May God uphold us. May God be in our speech, our touch, our labors, our vision, our life. May God be in all - now and forever. Amen.

POSTLUDE When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Holter

Ministers: George W. Stowe
Dolan A. Talbert
Thomas R. Hamilton
Organist: Mrs. David Bragg
Acolytes: Jay Updyke
Nathan Gminder



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 20, 1972**

Hebrews 13:7-16

"Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me." The thought expressed by these familiar words lies close to the writer of the Letter to the Hebrews. As he gave encouragement to his readers in a changing and threatening world, a world with much "here today and gone tomorrow," he proclaimed, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Like the first readers of this letter, we need not new teaching nor new worship. We need a new confidence in him who is timely in an ever-changing history. Come what may, his strength will never fail us. His constancy is sure.

THE CHURCH AND PUBLIC EDUCATION

American Christians of the Reformed tradition inherit a strong commitment to public ventures in education. Historically their concern has been for the mature growth of persons who could faithfully serve God and their neighbors in the life of the "public."

Today, education in the United States is a mammoth operation; one-third of the population is related to it. Yet the health of our public schools—in the formation of the "public"—is seriously questioned. To explore the mission of the church in this area, the national Christian education agencies of the United Church of Christ and of the United Presbyterian Church have joined in creating a coalition called United Ministries in Public Education (UMPE).

Its purpose is promotion of church-sponsored approaches to reform of the public school system where needed, as well as advocacy of experiments outside of the educational establishment. UMPE functions in the belief that the church must "relate to public education because of her deep concern for the humane development of persons . . . and because the processes of public education influence and shape the lives of persons who are the church in today's world."

A new expression of an old commitment!

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
March 11, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Lenten Meditation Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Minister and Choir
* Hymn 3 "God Himself Is With Us"
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Almighty God, make us to be channels through which thy love and grace may flow. Impel us to become more like our Lord Christ, to expect more from him, to do more for him, to let him do more for us. In his spirit, we pray:
The Lord's Prayer
THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Luke 9: 18-27
The Anthem He Loved - He Gave
(Miss Mary Sexton, Junior Choir Dir.)
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
* Statement of Faith
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory When at the Cross Van Hulse
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 346 "Come Let Us Join"
Sermon The Word Is...Life
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 177 "When I Survey"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Let Thy Word Abide
Postlude Passiontide Fantasia

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Return often.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Allen in memory of their parents.

RECEIVED as new members today are Mr. and Mrs. Michael L. Byers, Miss June Grubb, Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Loy, Mrs. J. M. Simpson, and Mrs. Lewis E. Wells. Following the Service, a coffee hour in their honor will be held in the Parish House.

TODAY, the Senior Hi Youth will meet at 6:00 in the Parish House.

THIS WEEK, the General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship is tomorrow evening at 7:30...The Christian Education Committee meets Tuesday evening at 7:00...The Choirs rehearse on Wednesday.. Teachers of grades 1-6 meet Thursday evening at 7:00 to plan the Easter All Church School Gathering...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Radio devotions on station WBBB at 10:50 a.m. are led this week by our Pastor.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY will be led this week by Reverend Rinker on Luke 6:12 - 8:15.

THE CREATIVE ARTS PROJECT (for OGHS-SOS) begins this Saturday morning at 9:30 in the Parish House. It's open to all children in grades 1-6. "The Torch" has further details.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Susan Barbee at Cone, Greensboro.

NEXT SUNDAY, our Contemporary Service will be held at 9:00, Church School at 9:45, Church Worship at 11:00.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. L. E. Fogleman and Family upon the death of her brother, Henry J. Pritchett, Jr. of Elon College, on March 7.

IN THE NARTHEX you will find Devotional Guides for March - April, the 1972 Annual Reports and the Membership Directories.

life!



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March 18, 1973 — 9:00 a.m.

A SERVICE FOR LENT

MEDITATION AND PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
(For God so loved the world
that he gave his Son.)

THE CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Good Morning!
People: Good Morning!
Pastor: Let us praise God for the gift of His love.
People: Let us praise Him for the gift of His Son.
Pastor: Let us thank Him for all of His mercies.
People: Let us thank Him for the forgiveness of our sins through Christ.
Pastor: Praise be to God!
People: Praise His name! Amen!

THE HYMN 161 "Before the Cross of Jesus"

RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING — Romans 12
Reading 131, p. 546

LENT IS — Mr. Hamilton

Behold the Man
Behold The Man
Behold the Man

A MEDITATION WORTH CONSIDERING (next page)

HYMN 329 "O Jesus, Thou Art Standing"

AN OFFERING OF SELF AND GIFTS
Offertory

THE LORD'S PRAYER AND BENEDICTION
Our Father in heaven:
Holy be your name, Your kingdom come,
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Lent, discipleship, suffering.

Can we know them?
Should we seek them out?
Would not this be masochism, self-flagellation,
fasting for the sake of fasting?

Is this what you mean by suffering, Lord?
Is this what Lent should be for us?
Or are there other kinds of suffering,
other forms of discipleship?

Could they include remaining open,
open to people and their needs,
open to ideas and their consequences,
open to life and its all-or-nothing challenges?

This sounds a little easier, Lord,
a little less fanatical, a little less extreme.
It almost sounds exciting, inviting,
Can this be suffering?

Can there be an openness so open that it hurts,
an openness that stays open, no matter what,
an openness that, even when it must turn away,
weeps in its own impotence?

Is this what suffering can mean?
Is that what discipleship and Lent are all about for us, Lord?
Is our form of suffering to be of this kind,
the suffering that comes from being torn apart in human relationships,
from being constantly on the road,
from finding one's only rest and peace
in the very midst of action?
Can this be our discipleship, Lord?

If so then guide us into its path.
Lead us into suffering, this kind of suffering.
Grant us our Lent, not of silly, self-imposed fasts,
but of self-sacrificial service.

And in such service let us find our true discipleship,
the way of him in whom all words, all concepts,
all of living, find their meaning, and their focus.

J. Barrie Shepherd

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THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY will be led this week by Dr. John Truitt on Luke 8:16 - 9:50. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and dessert will be provided.

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
March 18, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Jesus, Lamb of God Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Introit Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!
* Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Almighty God, grant us diligence to seek thee, wisdom to find thee, understanding to know thee, and faithfulness to serve thee. In our Lord's name we pray, as he taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Luke 11:14-23
Anthem O For a Thousand Tongues
Worden Updyke, baritone
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio in F minor Handel
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 268 "Lord, We Thank Thee"
Sermon The Word Is...Kingdom
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 228 "Love Divine"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Let Thy Word Abide
* Postlude Selected

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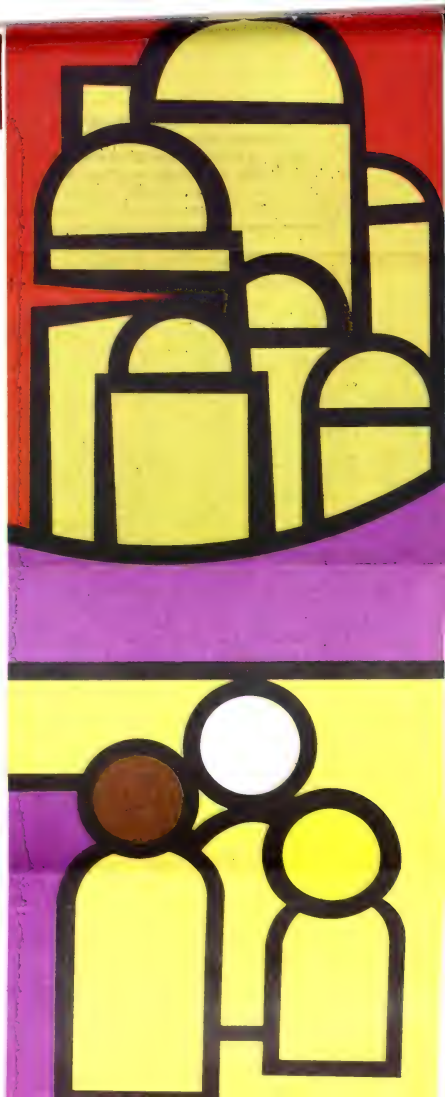
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kingdom



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT **March 18, 1973**

Luke 11:14-23

Jesus did all those incredible things, like healing and casting out demons. His detractors tried to pin phoney credentials on him, even to say he was one of the demons. Jesus' response is a lesson in what genuine evil demonds really are. Whoever does God's work is from God—he who liberates, who heals, who everything what is demonic and inhumane, no matter what label he has. American society is so ideological so quick to label, so ready to categorize and denounce. But Christians know that labels count for nothing. The Kingdom of God is where the work of the Kingdom is being done, even when that work scares us and even offends us.

"GO PADDLE A CANOE"

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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
March 25, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Royal Banners Willan

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Pastor: "This is how God showed his love for us:
People: He sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through him.
Pastor: This is what love is:
People: It is not that we have loved God, but that he loved us..."
Choir: "Lord, Who Throughout"
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 14 "The God of Abraham Praise"
THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Mark 12:28-34
Anthem Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Lamb, Most Holy Franck
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 370 "He Leadeth Me"
Sermon The Word Is...Love
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Let Thy Word Abide
* Postlude Fugue in G minor Dupre

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TONIGHT, the Senior Hi Youth (grades 9-12) meet at 6:30 in the Parish House for a Taffy Pull...The Worship Committee meets at 7:00 in the Choir Room.

THIS WEEK, the Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee meets tomorrow evening at 7:30...The Leadership Ministry Committee meets Tuesday evening at 7:30...The choirs rehearse Wednesday... Cub Pack 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY will be led this week by Dr. Clyde Fields on Luke 9:51 - 13:35. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and dessert will be provided.

THE THIRD SESSION of the Creative Arts Project is Saturday from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Parish House. It is open to all children in grades 1-6.

HOSPITALIZED: Bill Ellis at McPherson.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. William Elzey upon the death of her father, Walter Childs of Foxboro, Massachusetts.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due in the secretary's office tomorrow morning.

OUR ANNUAL SPECIAL OFFERING for One Great Hour of Sharing will be next Sunday.

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THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets next Sunday evening at 7:30.

love

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT March 25, 1973
Mark 12:28-34

We live in a mobile time when we can choose our friends in another neighborhood or even in another country. And more and more, we live in a time of anonymity when we can curl up with our air-conditioners and ignore the others. But Jesus' call is not to love friends but neighbors. Neighbors are not carefully selected friends. Rather they are the ones who just happen to be there, with their racial characteristics, their personal habits, their economic situations. Anybody can like friends. But Christian love is for the ones who happen to be there with us. And our vocation is to engage them next door and around the world, to care for them, to be with them in their destiny.

"HOW DO YOU FEED TEN MILLION PEOPLE?"

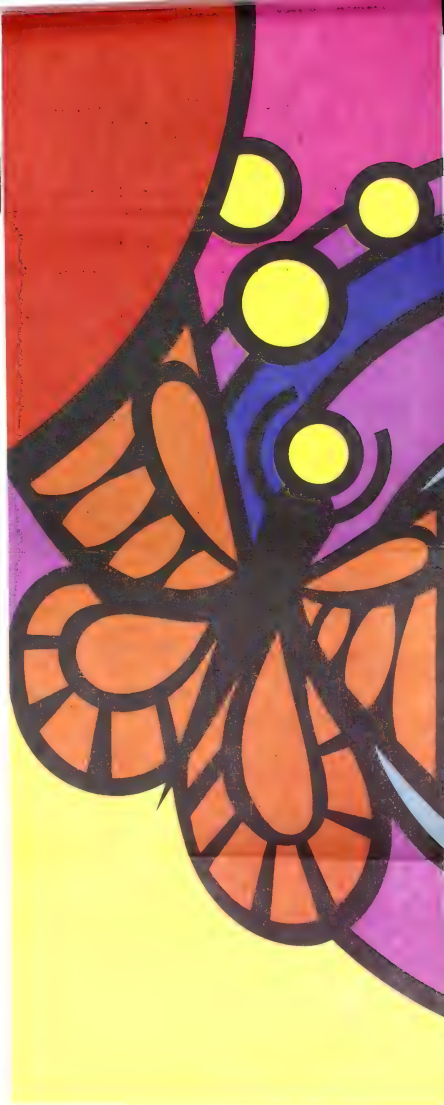
Famine, flood, earthquake, fire, war—natural disasters and man-made ones—affect the lives of tens of millions of men and women and children each year. When the churches in the United States ask, "How do you feed ten million people?" the answer of Church World Service, an agency of the National Council of Churches, is a simple one. "One at a time."

As Church World Service (CWS) helps provide solutions to such worldwide problems through disaster relief, refugee resettlement, and development overseas, it works with a whole network of churches and governments. Perhaps even more important than the shipments of food, medicine, tents, or blankets is the CWS commitment to be with our fellowmen in their distress, to be a Christian presence.

CROP, the Community Hunger Appeal sponsored by CWS, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this past year, ships annually between two and three million pounds of food, tools, seeds, fertilizer, and farm chemicals and equipment worth approximately $2 million to people in 30 countries. In 1971, the Immigration and Refugee Program of CWS resettled 6,987 persons, for a total of nearly 200,000 since World War II. The CWS Planned Parenthood Program relates family planning to other health, nutrition, agricultural, and development activities.

Last year CWS budgeted a little over $3 million for such ministries as these, of which $871,000 was given by members of the United Church of Christ through our Board for World Ministries. The source for these funds was the annual One Great Hour of Sharing SOS (Share Our Sunday) offering, which in addition underwrites many other service activities undertaken by the Board for World Ministries itself.

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 1, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE O Man, Bewail Thy Grievous Fall
J. S. Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Pastor: The Lord has been mindful of us; and he will bestow his mercy upon us.
People: He will bless them that fear the Lord, both small and great.
Pastor: O that men would praise the Lord for his greatness.
People: And for his wonderful works to the children of men!
Choir: "Holy Spirit, Dwell in Me"
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Matthew 9:27-38
Anthem Go Not Far From Me Zingarelli
Dr. David Bragg, Director
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Herzliebster Jesu Brahms
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"
Sermon The Word Is...Faith
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 357 "Strong Son of God"
* Benediction Let Thy Word Abide
* Postlude Canzona Gabrieli

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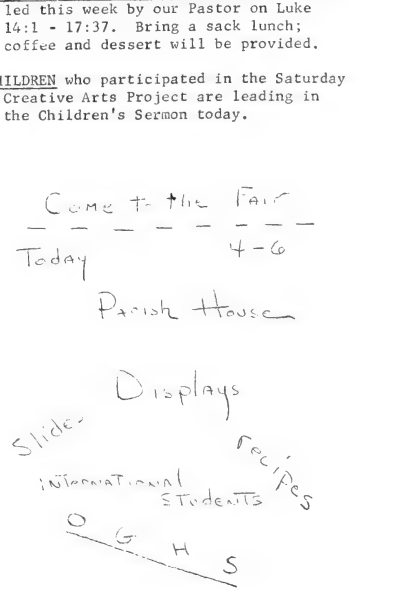
OFFERING ENVELOPES for your gift to the One Great Hour of Sharing were mailed in "The Torch". Others are available in the narthex.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

CIRCLES OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP meet this week as follows:
1 & 2 Monday 10:00 with Mrs. Drumm.
3 Monday 3:30 with Mrs. Dawson.
4 Monday 8:00 with Mrs. C. R. Matlock.
5 Monday 8:00 with Mrs. G. Longest.
6 Tuesday 8:00 with Mrs. Wes Alexander.
7 Tuesday 8:00 with Mrs. McCauley.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY will be led this week by our Pastor on Luke 14:1 - 17:37. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and dessert will be provided.

CHILDREN who participated in the Saturday Creative Arts Project are leading in the Children's Sermon today.





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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
April 8, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE When In the Hour of Deepest Need Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Pastor and Choir
Invocation: Look graciously upon us, our Father, and give us for our blessing thoughts that pass into prayer, prayers that pass into love, and love that passes into life with you forever. In the Name of Jesus, we pray:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (st.1-4)

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Matthew 11:25-30
Anthem All In The April Evening Roberton

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio Franck
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 217 "Lord of All Hopefulness" (st. 1&3)
Sermon The Word Is...Come

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 315 "Come Unto Me, Ye Weary"
* Benediction Lord, Let Us Now Depart
* Postlude King Triumphant Scheidt

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TODAY: The Third Grade Class meets at 3:00 p.m. at the Atkinson Home...The Confirmation Class meets at 4:00 p.m... The Senior Hi Youth meet in the Parish House at 7:30 for a brief business session. They will attend the "Sons of Thunder" concert at 8:00 in Whitley Auditorium.

OUR SPECIAL OFFERING last Sunday for the One Great Hour of Sharing was $171.74. Others who wish to contribute to this need will find envelopes in the narthex.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:30.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY will be led this week by Dr. Alfred Hurst on Luke 18:1 - 20:26. Bring a sack lunch; coffee and dessert will be provided.

THIS WEEK: The Christian Education Task Force on Leadership Ministry will be visiting each Church Family. Each church member will be asked to fill out, as completely as he wishes, a questionnaire on, "Your Service Abilities for Our Church Development." Please give your welcome to the person who calls on you and take the time necessary to indicate your interests and abilities.

NEXT SUNDAY, our Early Service in Contemporary Style begins at 9:00. Church School follows at 9:45 and Church Worship at 11:00.

THE CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP RALLY is next Sunday afternoon at 4:00. Reservations may be made for the evening meal by calling the office secretary tomorrow morning.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mrs. Birdie Crutchfield and Family upon the death of her father, W. C. Wagoner, on April 1.

come

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT **April 8, 1973**

Matt. 11:25-30

Our lives are filled with imperatives: from the home, the school, the boss, the media, the government. In Jesus' time there were 613 laws which had to be obeyed. Life was consumed in keeping rules which made persons safe but dull, secure but crippled. Jesus offered an invitation (not an imperative) away from all that. Come away from all the imperatives which cripple and immobilize and petrify! Come to another way of life lived in terms of joy and freedom! Jesus' invitation is not away from responsibility but to a changed life-style in which our joyous caring wipes out the power of all the deadly "musts" and "oughts."

FAITH GROWS THROUGH EXPERIENCE

A non-swimmer can learn something about swimming by talking to someone who knows how to swim. But one can't learn to swim until one gets into the water and experiences what swimming really is. In like manner explains Don Wilder, chairman of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ, experience is the best teacher in matters of faith.

Last year the Council for Lay Life and Work, following the lead of the General Synod, launched a bold program called "Faith Exploration." A series of meetings in each geographical area of the country has brought together laymen, laywomen, and clergy, to experience a working through of the "faith crisis."

A second phase of this Faith Exploration project engaged some 30,000 persons across the country in twenty-four weekend events. Those who led the meetings started with the premise that clergy and laity have a ministry to each other, and both have a ministry to the world. The leaders pointed beyond the church as an institution to Christianity as a worldwide movement. And they helped the participants move beyond their feelings about the church and their hopes for the church to a personal commitment which could serve as the first step in a new direction for their lives. By using the Bible and other resources, they sought to help the Christian individual to understand himself as a part of the whole people of God. Continual evaluation and adaptation are built into the process so that once started, the Faith Exploration can become self-generating.

Through your going to Our Common Witness Mission, you helped support this effort to deal with the faith crisis. A crisis that is real in the life of the church, identified by your representatives at the Kansas City General Synod.

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April 15, 1973 PALM SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Hosanna (From "Jesus Christ, Superstar)

(The congregation may join in singing the chorus.)

Chorus: Hosanna Heysanna Sanna Sanna Ho / Sanna Hey Sanna Ho Sanna
Hey JC, JC won't you smile at me? / Sanna Ho Sanna Hey Superstar

Caiaphas: Tell the rabble to be quiet we anticipate a riot
This common crowd is much too loud
Tell the mob who sing your song that they are fools
and they are wrong
They are a curse, they should disperse

Chorus: Hosanna Heysanna Sanna Sanna Ho / Sanna Hey Sanna Ho Sanna
Hey JC, JC you're alright by me / Sanna Ho Sanna Hey Superstar

Jesus: Why waste your breath moaning at the crowd?
Nothing can be done to stop the shouting
If every tongue was still the noise would still continue
The rocks and stones themselves would start to sing:

Chorus: Hosanna Heysanna Sanna Sanna Ho / Sanna Hey Sanna Ho Sanna
Hey JC, JC won't you fight for me? / Sanna Ho Sanna Hey Superstar.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: See him who in glory comes riding. Alleluia!
People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Pastor: He is Messiah indeed in whom God is abiding. Alleluia!
People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

HYMN 175 "Ride On, Ride On in Majesty" (st. 1 & 2)

THE PASSION NARRATIVE

The Triumphal Entry	(Sunday)	Mark 11: 1-10
Cleansing the Temple	(Monday)	Mark 11: 15-20
Day of Controversy	(Tuesday)	Mark 12: 28-34
Day of Annointing	(Wednesday)	Mark 14: 3-9
Day of Fellowship	(Thursday	
The Last Supper		Mark 14: 12-23
Gethsemane		Mark 14: 32-42
Day of Suffering	(Friday)	Mark 15
Day of Silence	(Saturday)	Luke 23:56

A PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

May this mind be in us that was in Christ Jesus.

Let us remember Jesus:

Who, though he was rich, yet for our sakes became poor and dwelt among us.
Who was content to be subject to his parents, the child of a poor man's home.
Who lived for nearly thirty years the common life, earning his living with his own hands and declining no humble tasks.
Whom the common people heard gladly, for he understood their ways.

Let us remember Jesus:

Who was mighty in deed, healing the sick and the disordered, using for others the powers he would not invoke for himself.
Who refused to force men's allegiance.
Who was Master and Lord to his disciples, yet who was among them as their companion and as one who served.
Whose meat was to do the will of the Father who sent him.

Let us remember Jesus:

Who loved men, yet retired from them to pray; who rose a great while before day, watched through a night, stayed in the wilderness, went up into a mountain, sought a garden.
Who prayed for the forgiveness of those who rejected him, and for the perfecting of those who received him.
Who observed good customs, but defied conventions which did not serve the purposes of God.
Who hated sin because he knew the cost of pride and selfishness, of cruelty and impurity, to man, and still more to his Father in heaven.

Let us remember Jesus:

Who believed in men to the last and never despaired of them.
Who through all disappointment never lost heart.
Who disregarded his own comfort and convenience and thought first of others' needs, and though he suffered long, was always kind.
Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again, and when he suffered threatened not.
Who humbled himself and carried obedience to the point of death, even death on the cross, and endured faithful to the end.

GIVING OF GIFTS

Offertory

HYMN 179 "Were You There?"

BENEDICTION

Distribution of Palms

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TODAY: The Palms will be distributed following each Service...The Confirmation Class meets at three o'clock...Registration for the Churchmen's Fellowship Rally begins at four o'clock at the Elon Home for Children.

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PALM SUNDAY
April 15, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Enter the Gates of the Temple Sowerby

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
* Processional 155 "All Glory, Laud"
People: The disciples began to rejoice and praise God.
Choir : Praise ye the Lord.
People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Choir : Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
People: Hosanna in the highest!
Choir : Praise ye the Lord.

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Reading John 12:9-19
Epistle Reading Philippians 2:5-11
Anthem Praise Rowley

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Dearest Jesus Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Sermon The Word Is...Lord

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love"
* Benediction Lord, Let Us Now Depart
* Postlude Praise and Adoration Young

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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The Good Friday Service

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TENEBRAE

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EDGEWOOD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

IS IT NOTHING TO YOU, ALL YE THAT PASS BY? BEHOLD AND SEE IF THERE BE ANY SORROW LIKE UNTO MY SORROW WHICH IS DONE UNTO ME.

ORGAN PRELUDE: Selections from: "The Seven Last Words" Dubois

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

MINISTER: He was daspised and rejected by men.
PEOPLE: A man of sorrow and acquainted with grief;

MINISTER: And as one from whom men hid their face he was despised;
PEOPLE: And we esteemed him not.

MINISTER: Surely he has borne our grief; and carried our sorrow;
PEOPLE: Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted;

MINISTER: But he was wounded for our transgression,
PEOPLE: He was bruised for our iniquities;

MINISTER: The chastisement of our peace was upon him,
PEOPLE: And with his stripes we are healed.

MINISTER: All we, like sheep, have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way,
PEOPLE: And the Lord has laid on him the iniquities of us all.

MINISTER: Let us, therefore, come boldly into the throne of Grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Almighty and Everlasting God, who hast not spared thine only Son, but delivered him up for us all, that he might bear our sins upon the cross; grant that our hearts may be so fixed with steadfast faith in him that we may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the same Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE Mark 3:13-19 T. E. V.

Peter.....Bob Ray
Andrew.....Bob Jackson
James.....Bernard Oakley
John.....Bob Morton
Matthew.....Ernie Paschal
Bartholomew.....Mark Oakley
Judas Iscariot.....Lewis Wilkins
Philip.....John Barney
Simon the Zealot.....Alfred Hurst
James, Son of Alphaeus.....A. L. Hook
Thomas.....Paul Cheek
Thaddaeus.....Bill Ellis

PASTORAL PRAYER
ANTHEM " God So Loved the World"
EXTINGUISHING OF THE LIGHTS
Shadow of the betrayal — Matthew 26:20-25
The voice of today
Shadow of the desertion — Matthew 26:31-35
The voice of today
HYMN " O Jesus Thou Art Standing" (back of bulletin)
Agony of Soul — Luke 22:39-44
The voice of today
Unshared Vigil — Mark 14:32-41
The voice of today
HYMN "'Tis Midnight" Vs. 1,2 (back of bulletin)
Father The Hour is Come — John 17:1-6
The voice of today
That They May Be One — John 1715-22
The voice of today
HYMN "'Tis Midnight" Vs. 3, 4 (back of bulletin)
Arrest at the Gate — John 18:15
The voice of today
Shadow of the Cross — Mark 15:16-20
The voice of today
HYMN No. 177 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
Vs. 1, 2, 3

Darkness
Leave in Silence

HYMNS

O JESUS, THOU ART STANDING

O Jesus, thou art pleading
In accents meek and low
"I died for you, my children
And will ye treat me so?"
O love that passeth knowledge,
So patiently to wait!
O sin that hath no equal,
So fast to bar the gate!

'TIS MIDNIGHT VS. 1 & 2

'Tis midnight, and on Olives brow
The star is dimmed that lately shone;
'Tis midnight in the garden now
The suffering Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and, from all removed.
The Savior wrestles lone with fears
E'en that disciple whom he loved
Heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

'TIS MIDNIGHT VS. 3 & 4

'Tis midnight and for others guilt,
The Man of Sorrows weeps in blood;
Yet he that hath in anguish knelt
Is not forsaken by his God.

'Tis midnight, and from heavenly plains
Is borne the song that angels know;
Unheard by mortals are the strains
That sweetly soothe the Savior's woe.

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EASTER SUNDAY
April 22, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Glorious Day Has Dawned Barlow

PRAISE TO GOD
* Call to Worship
* Hymn 182 "Christ The Lord Is Risen Today"
* Pastor: The day has come at last; lent has past, and we live in the season of Easter.
* People: God help us to rejoice and be glad, to feel with our whole beings the reality and wonder of the resurrection.
* Pastor: May our experience of Easter awaken depth of feeling and purpose in all our lives so that we can look at life and death, and shout "Hooray!".
* Choir: He is risen today!

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 118:14-26
New Testament Reading Luke 24:1-35

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Sermon Electrifying Good News
Anthem Thee We Adore Cardlyn

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation
Communion Collect, Hymnal page 495
Words of Institution
Prayer of Consecration
The Communion
* Prayer of Thanksgiving, Hymnal page 496

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 181 "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"
* Benediction (st. 1-3)
* Choir Glory to God in the Highest
* Postlude Hallelujah Chorus Handel

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis by Mrs. Angele Avizonis.

WELCOME to all who share our worship on Easter Sunday and especially to the visitors among us. Visitors are asked to sign the Guest Register in the narthex or one of the cards in the pews. Our common practice is to observe "Open Communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. C. Wesley Snyder and Grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Snyder upon the birth of Lori Ann Snyder on April 15.

CONGRATULATIONS to John Druary Mayse and Martha Virginia Hughes whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. and Mrs. Fred Emerson upon the death of Clive Elizabeth Emerson on April 16.

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

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THE EASTER LILIES in the Chancel are given to the Glory of God:

in memory of Miss Olive Elizabeth Emerson by the Family;

in memory of Melvin R. Hamilton and Gordon L. Whitener by Pastor and Mrs. Hamilton;

in memory of C. Chester Huey by Mr. and Mrs. Paul Huey;

in memory of Mrs. J. A. Hunter by Dorothy, Richard and Marjorie;

in memory of Rev. John Kittenger and daughter, Patricia, by the Family;

in memory of Mrs. Maude Sharpe Powell by Mr. and Mrs. John S. Powell;

in memory of Dr. William Tate Scott, Sr. by Mrs. William T. Scott, Sr., and James A. Scott;

in honor of Mr. and Mrs. John Druary Mayse by Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth K. Hughes.

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EASTER SUNDAY April 22, 1973

This is the Day of the Resurrection, when we celebrate and experience anew the triumphant heart of our faith. We [illegible] Jesus [illegible] Lord. He [illegible] the same one who [illegible] the grave and [illegible] by the Father. Without [illegible] effort [illegible]

But [illegible] Easter [illegible] This [illegible] Our [illegible]

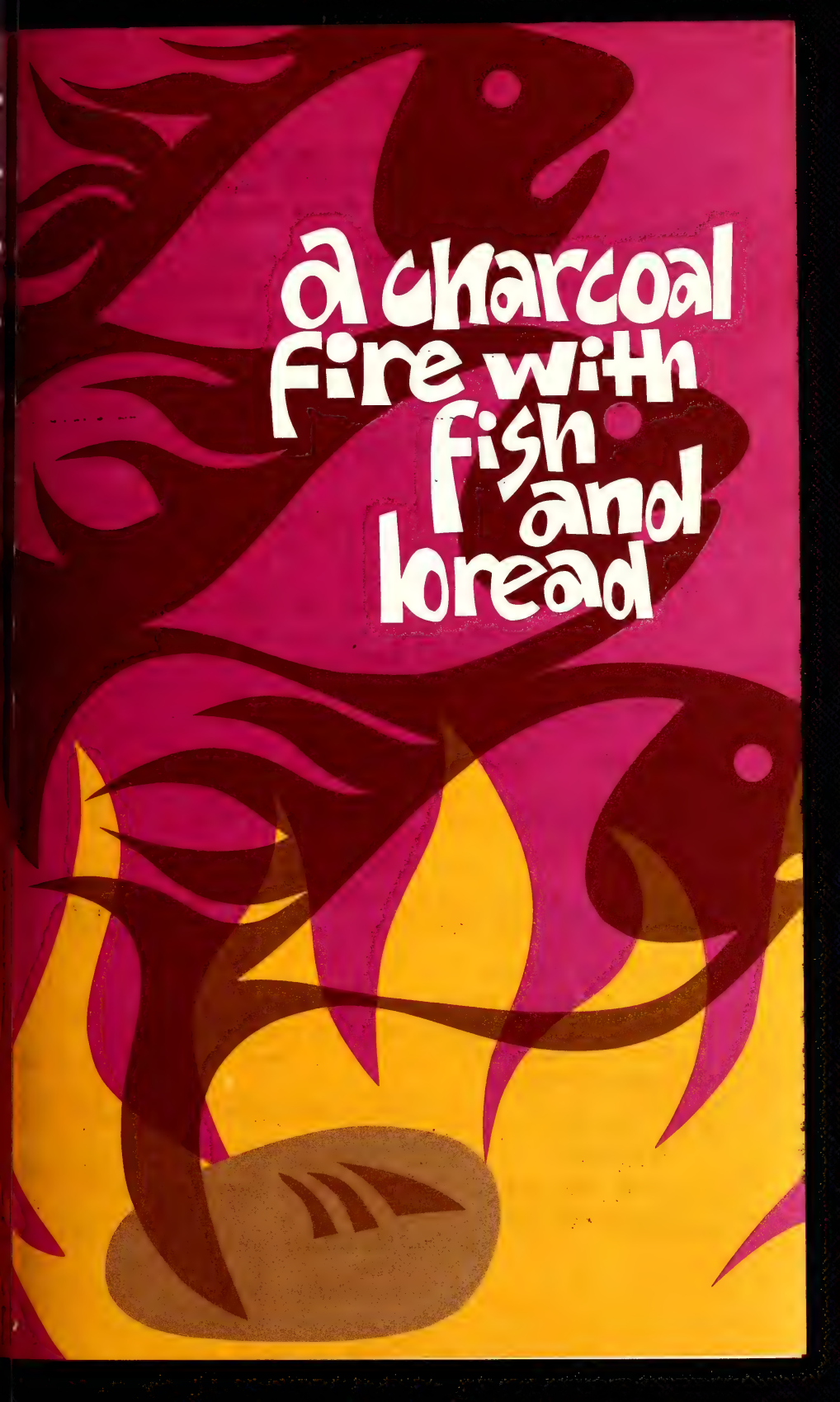
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[illegible] all of our other [illegible]

It is rather an event which determines the character of our life and all of life. It restores [illegible]


a charcoal
fire with
fish and
bread

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April 29, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Who Shall Ascend the Hill of the Lord Sowerb

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:31
Pastor: They who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
People: they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall march on and never grow faint.
Choir: The Lord is in His Holy Temple
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 192 "The Day of Resurrection!"

PSALTER READING 103 Psalms 121, 122 P. 53

ANTHEM How Much He Paid Junior Choi
Miss Mary Sexton, Director
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 20: 19-31

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 97 "God of Our Life" (st. 1, 2)
THE OFFERING
Offertory Priere Boellmann
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Some Struggle To Believe

*HYMN 365 "Faith of Our Fathers" (st. 1,3,4)

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*POSTLUDE Chorale Boellmann

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Reverend and Mrs. Guy Veazey.

TODAY: 2:45 Senior Hi Youth meet to go bowling
4:00 Acolytes
5:30 Softball at College field
7:00 Worship Committee

CIRCLE #6 meets tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Mack Lackey on Robinhood Drive.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY, sponsored by Church Women United, will be held at Front Street United Methodist Church on May 4 at noon.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian sympathy to the Family upon the death of Samuel T. Webster, Jr.

PARENTS are asked to inform the office secretary about high school or college graduates.

A MEMBERSHIP CLASS is in process of organization. Persons who wish to be received as members of this congregation are asked to contact the Pastor this week.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **April 29, 1973**
John 21:1-14

It must have been strange for the disciples to discover that it was Jesus preparing breakfast so early by the lake. Especially when they presumed him dead. But his being there was characteristic. He came in his unexpected power to deal with his friends at the point of their need. This odd story was remembered by the church as a primitive form of Holy Communion. We seek communion with this same Jesus, but maybe at the wrong times and places. In the story, it was communion in the midst of life at the point of need where he acted for them. Communion is like that. He acts for us.

NOTABLE EXCEPTIONS

During the past few years, the Protestant churches of Latin America have come under criticism by many North American scholars and theologians as being unable to effectively minister to middle-class persons and intellectuals, and therefore becoming increasingly reactionary and captive to the *status quo*. While this may be true in some places, there are notable exceptions. In Mexico, for instance, the Protestant church has had a great deal of social awareness. During the student unrest a few years ago in Mexico City, it is said, hardly a middle-class Evangelical (Protestant) family in Mexico City did not have a son in jail! The church was hardly reactionary there.

In Mazatlan, the members of the Christian community show their social awareness in many other ways:

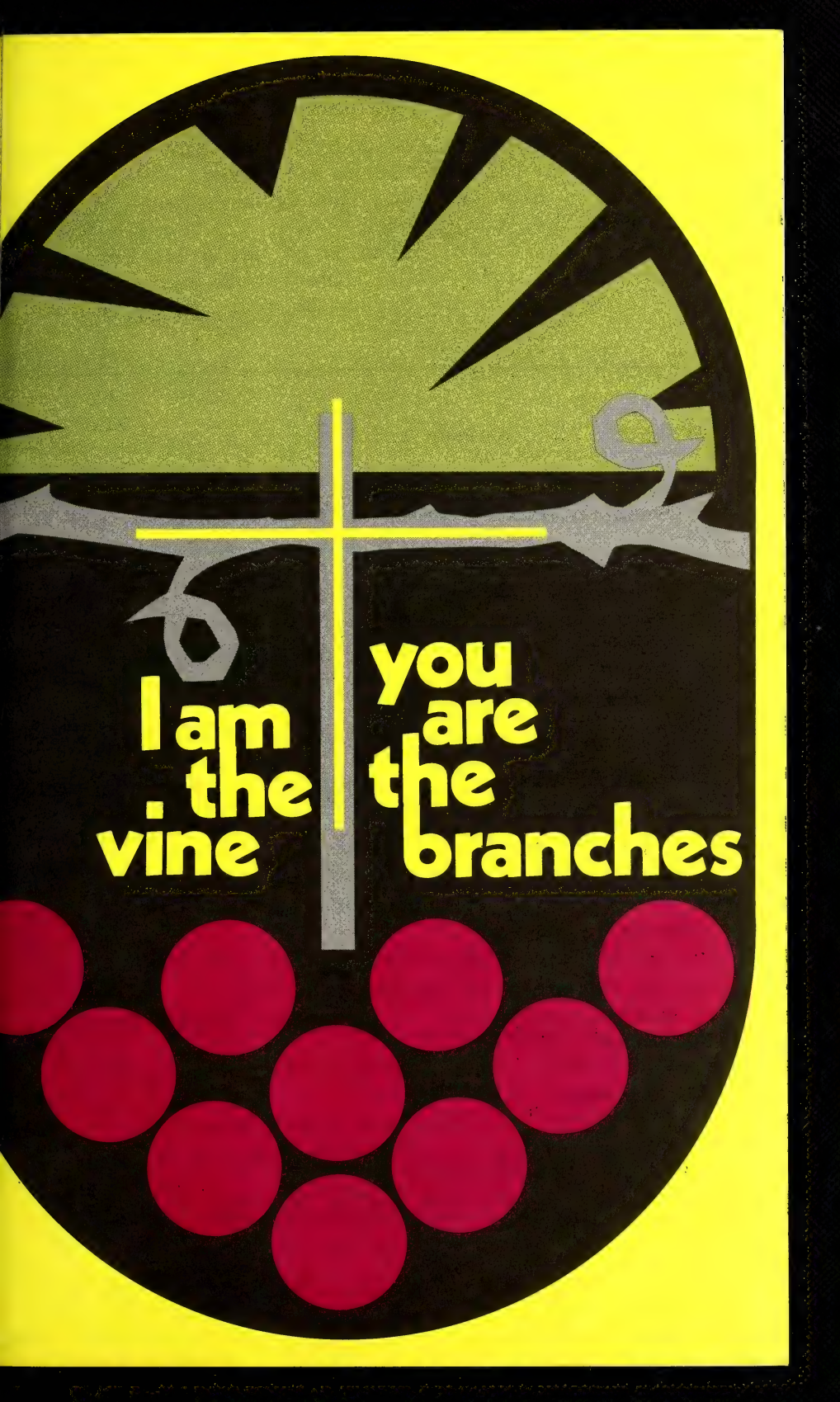
- The general manager of a local industry heads the volunteer fire department in this city of 140,000. The past-president of the board of directors of a primary and secondary school, he has helped provide 50 scholarships to poor but worthy students who could not otherwise obtain a good education.

- An employee of the municipal water department, deeply concerned for the health of the public, works to maintain a good supply of drinking water for the entire community.

- The owner of a sport-fishing fleet, so honest that he tells his clients when the fish are not biting, is treasurer of the local delegation of the National Chamber of Tourism. He exemplifies in his own business the best of labor relations.

It is an inaccurate generalization to say that the entire Protestant church in Latin America is captive to the establishment and is reactionary in its social outlook. In some places it may be, but in other places it is definitely aware of the need for social reform and for Christian action. The deeds of its members command our respect and admiration.

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I am the vine
you are the branches

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May 6, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his.

Choir: The Lord is in His Holy Temple

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PSALTER READING 93 Psalm 96 p. 530

ANTHEM Who Shall Ascend Into the Hill of the Lord Mueller

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:25-32

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Andante from Concerto III Bach

* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON We Had To Celebrate

*HYMN 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (st. 1-4)

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*POSTLUDE Chaconne in C Major Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook in memory of his brother, Robert M. Hook.

TODAY 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES 1-5 meet tomorrow as announced in "The Torch".

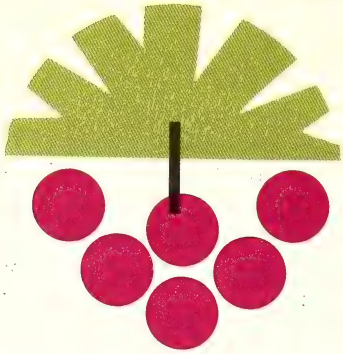
THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets Wednesday morning at 9:30 in the Junior classroom.

THE BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE meets Thursday evening at 8:00.

ON MAY 20, Church School will combine with Church Worship at 9:30 in order that those who so desire can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate Commencement at 10:30.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY WEEK begins today, continuing through next Sunday. A packet of "family helps" will be distributed following today's Service. Our May Family Night will be next Sunday at 3:00.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 6, 1973
John 15:1-17

The Bible often uses the vine as an image for the church. It is an image of precariousness, for the vine grows on the side of a rocky hill where there is little water or reason to grow. It is an image of dependence, for branches cut off soon die. Branches survive only when getting strength from the main vine. It is an image of productivity, for the business of branches is to bear grapes. Such an image raises questions about *our* church because we often want the best soil and precious autonomy for our branch of the vine, and we prefer growing leaves to bearing grapes.

THE ECUMENICAL VOCATION OF A CONGREGATION

Cooperation among churches on national and international levels is imperative to the Christian mission. But this needs to be grounded in local cooperative action. When members in neighboring churches show signs of being one in Christ in their own communities, they strengthen the mission and unity of the church everywhere.

An old cure for parochialism is still good medicine today. It calls for a congregation to:

- Understand that its own life is a demonstration of God's reconciling love, and therefore to effect whatever reconciliation is necessary within itself so as to be able to make a united front of reconciliation within the community.
- Make visible its unity with congregations of other Christian churches within the community, for instance, in common prayer, one for the other.
- Welcome all God's people within its fellowship, regardless of their nationality, race, or social status.
- Study the Bible with fellow Christians from other confessional heritages.
- Maintain an interest in world horizons, using the congregation's financial resources as a test of its world perspective and its ecumenical commitment.
- Commit itself more fully to the agencies of cooperation and unity that now exist, so that in evangelism, Christian education, social action, and worship, the congregations within a community work together.

This message was prepared for joint use by the United Presbyterian Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

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walk while you have the light,
lest the darkness overtake you

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May 13, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Morning Hymn Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, let us sing; let us pray; let us be joyful in the Lord.

People: With expectancy and hope we come to seek God.

Pastor: When we find him, he will be our happiness, and we will worship and serve him the rest of our lives.

Choir: Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

The Lord's Prayer

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

PSALTER READING 68 Psalm 19 p. 517

ANTHEM Christ, Whose Glory Fills The Skies Candlyn

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 15:1-11

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Hymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Chorale for Organ Bach

* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON That Your Joy May Be Complete

*HYMN 392 "Father in Heaven, Who Lovest All"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*POSTLUDE Fugue in C minor Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Barney in memory of Professor and Mrs. John W. Barney, Sr. and Mr. Ellis E. Todd.

OUR FAMILY "NIGHT" begins today at 3:00 with games and activities until supper at 5:30. Special entertainment for the children will be a ventriloquist. Come for the whole afternoon or bring your covered dish at 5:15.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH meet this evening at 7:00 to begin rehearsals on "Charlie Brown".

THIS WEEK: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Our Pastor will be attending the Annual Ministers' Conference at Blowing Rock from Monday through Wednesday...The Women's Bible Study meets Wednesday morning at 9:30...The Building Fund Committee meets Thursday evening at 8:00 at the parsonage.

NEXT SUNDAY, our high school graduates are invited to attend a "Graduates' Breakfast" at 8:15 at Harden Dining Hall. Church School and Church Worship will combine at 9:30.

walk while you have light, lest the darkness overtakes you

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **May 13, 1973**

John 12:35-50

The light shows things the way they really are. And how are things really? This is a question families ask, for families face the difficulty of growing up and must ask about loyalty and freedom. Families face the possibility of growing prosperous and must ask about property and caring, about values and self-indulgence. Families face the fact of aging and the crunch of death and must ask about hope and finality. We are tempted to be children of darkness, allowing all that is phoney and unreal to control our lives. The darkness presses us. Now is the time to live in the light.

INVISIBLE NO LONGER

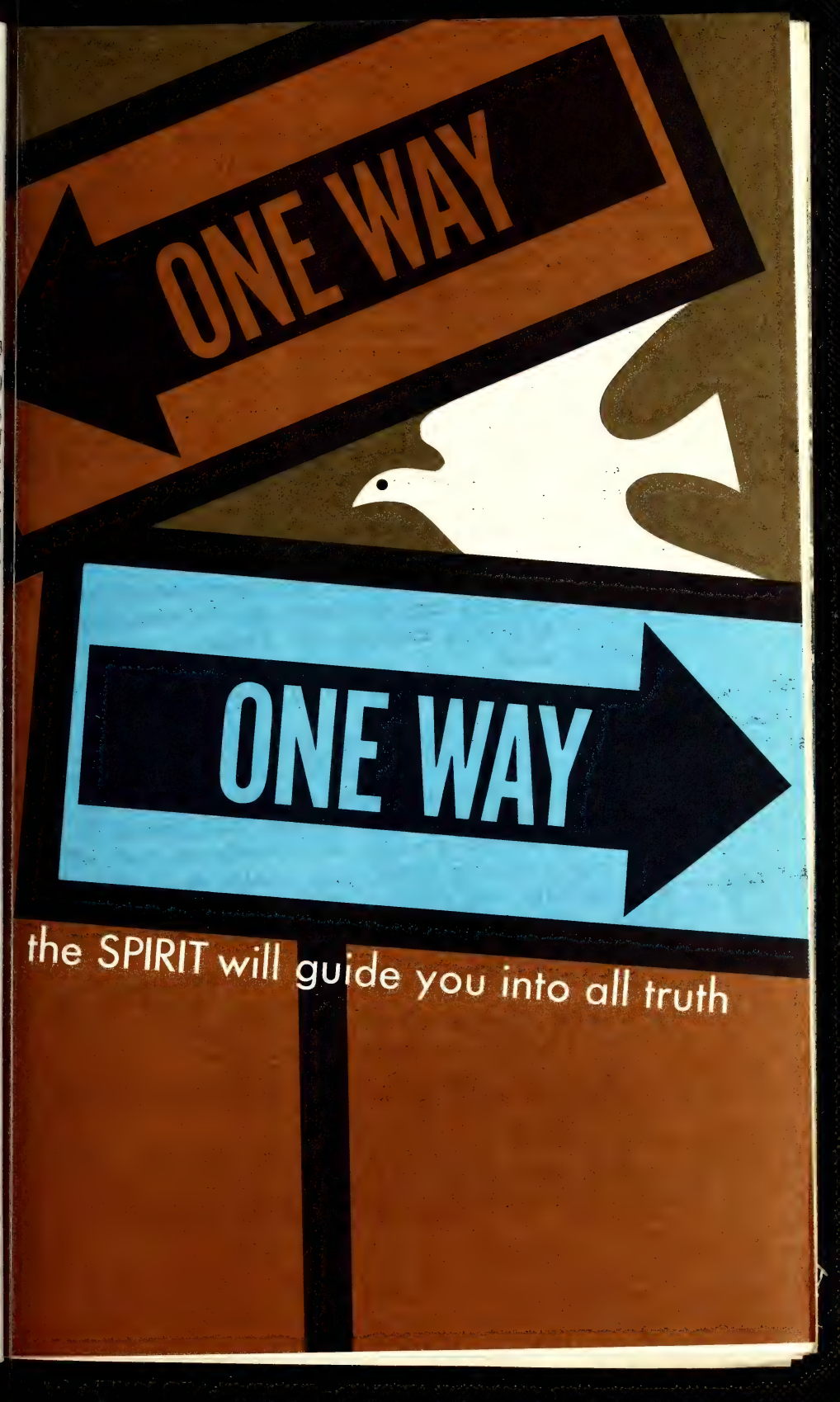
Half of all American Indians live in the cities. They are as "invisible" there as they are in rural areas, invisible and largely ignored by the majority of the population. As our forebears migrated to America and then moved west, these native people were pushed out ahead of them, often by force of arms, their land taken away, their hunting and family patterns broken. Treated as second-class citizens in the land where they were born, many were confined to reservations by the terms of treaties that were forced upon them.

Missionaries followed the armies intent on converting the Indians to Christianity, and thus assumed for the church a responsibility for these new members. Church agencies thereafter built schools, hospitals, community buildings, church schools, and churches. And until recently they continued to operate them *for* the Indian people.

Recently, however, the Indian people have organized within the various denominations to operate their own programs. Furthermore, the Indian staff and caucuses of several denominations, including our own, have joined in a coalition task force of the Joint Strategy and Action Committee (JSAC) where they have determined to jointly address such issues as: the empowerment of Indian church members so they can make decisions about missions and programs directed to Indians, the threat of termination of the Federal trust relationships with the tribes, the assault on Indian lands and natural resources, and the reestablishment of Indian treaty rights.

Today, American Indians are invisible no longer. They are acting together to build, with our full support, a better future for their people.

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ONE WAY
ONE WAY
the SPIRIT will guide you into all truth

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Thomas R. Hamilton, Pastor Phone: 584-0391
Miss June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Nancy Boyd and Esther Gminder, Acolytes

May 20, 1973 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Rejoice in the Lord Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us open our minds to the voice of God.
People: We will try to think his thoughts.
Pastor: Let us open our hearts to his love.
People: We will try to be channels of love to our neighbors.
Pastor: Let us be open to the invasion of his life.
People: We will try to share in the ministry of his life through our lives.
Pastor: Good.
Choir: The Lord is in His Holy Temple

UNISON PRAYER

We bring to you, Lord, the question of life's priorities. We find it difficult to determine what should claim our time and interests. As we gather in your presence, we ask that you will clear the air to give us an unhindered view of what you consider important. Help us to accept your verdict and put it into operation in our lives. We want to serve you obediently. Lord, help us. Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Christ the Lord, the Son of God"
Tune: Do-Re-Mi

1. Christ, the Lord, the Son of God;
God the One who sent Christ here;
Here, the place we call the world;
World, a home for you and me;
Me, the self I long to know;
Know, the quest of every man;
Man, the object of Christ's love...
So that brings us back to God.

MEDITATION As Is Given To You

*HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

*BENEDICTION IN UNISON

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
the rain fall soft upon your fields;
And until we meet again, may God hold you
in the palm of his hand. Amen

*POSTLUDE In Thee Is Gladness Bach

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. T. A. Boland. Greeters of the Day are John Barney and E. W. Brafford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John P. Gerlach in memory of her father, John Harvey Simpson.

WE ARE PLEASED to recognize and honor our members who are being graduated from area high school.

THE CONGREGATION is invited to attend the Baccalaureate-Commencement at Alumni Memorial Gymnasium at 10:30 this morning.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION sub-committee on enlistment of church school teachers meets Tuesday evening at 7:30.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:30.

MEMBERS OF THE TECHNICAL STAFF of the play, "Charlie Brown" should be at the Parish House at 7:00 tonight. Cast, check rehearsal schedule for part rehearsals.

2. Who am I and who are you?
What with you have I to do?
Who the Architect of life:
Who the One beyond all truth?
God, the name of Him who IS.
Christ, the name of Him who came.
Man the one for whom Christ died...
So that brings us back to God.

3. Christ, the Lord, the Son of God;
Christ, the God-man in our midst;
Christ, the One who seeks us out;
Christ, the One who paid the price;
Christ, Incarnate love divine;
Christ, the Hope of all mankind;
Christ, the One who makes us whole
Christ, the One who changes man.

OLD TESTAMENT WORD — Psalm 1

NEW TESTAMENT WORD — 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, Thy name be hallowed;
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us the wrong we have done,
As we have forgiven those who have wronged us.
And do not bring us to the test,
But save us from the evil one. Amen
(The New English Bible)

RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS — Miss Grubb

John Baxter
Phil Benton
Mark Danieley
Cheryl King
John MacDonald
Doris (Campbell) MacIntire
Susan Perry
Kim Shomaker
Karen White
Reggie White
Douglas Turner
Becky Zufall

OFFERING OF SELF AND GIFTS

Offertory — Song of Joy — Brahms
Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

the SPIRIT will guide you

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **May 20, 1973**

John 16:1-15

The sober, reflective language of John seems far removed from current "spirit-filled" movements. But these movements preserve an important insight from the New Testament, that is, that the guidance of God will take us where we haven't been and where we may not want to go. That guidance, promised by Jesus himself, calls into question our best ways of perceiving and doing, even our favorite ways of being. No wonder most religion tries either to eliminate the Spirit or domesticate Him or confine Him to nonessentials. His coming is comforting but also shattering. Frequently the truth is more than we can take.

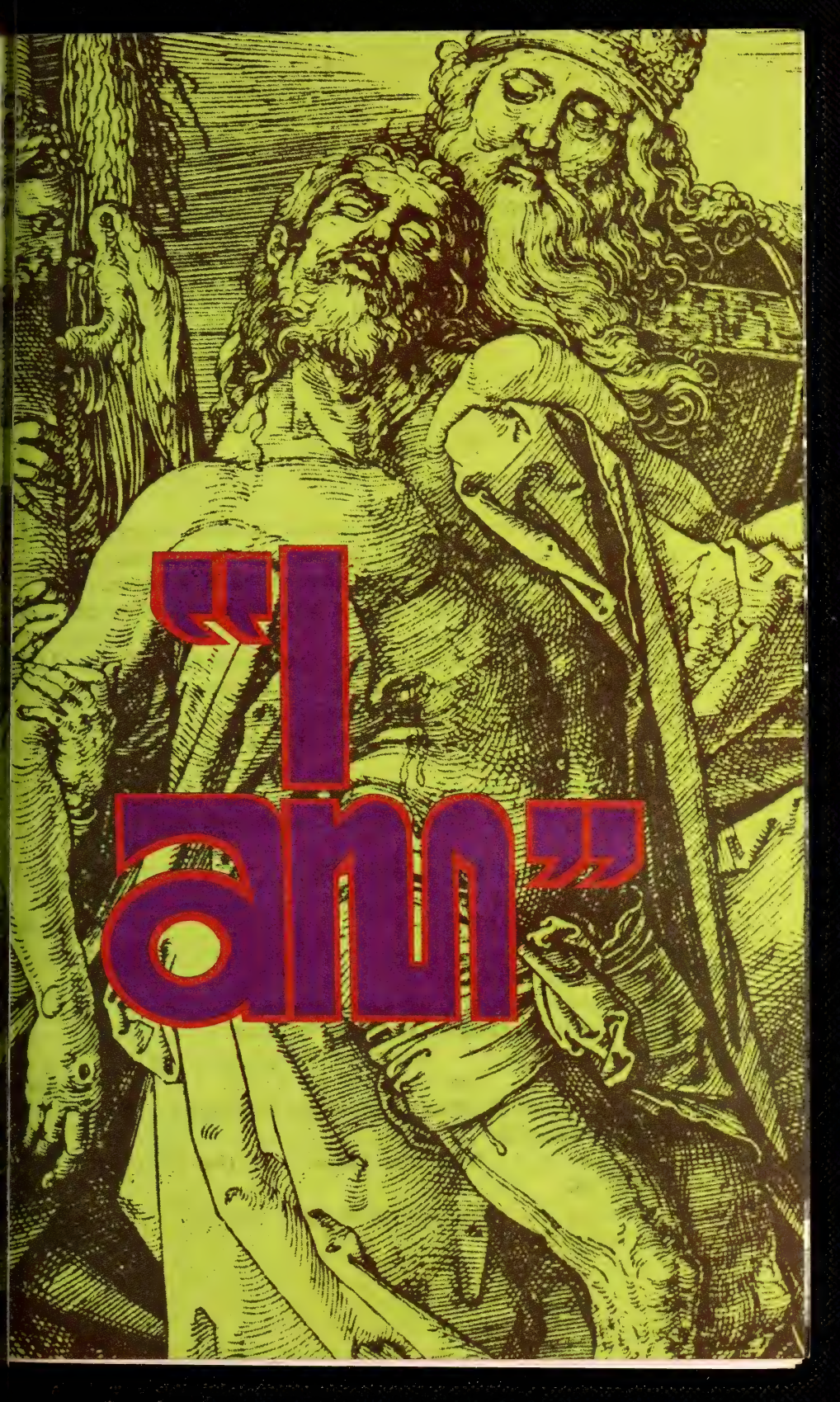
"AFTER THE BALL IS OVER . . ."

United Church Tours, sponsored by the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ, are a "ball," according to many world travelers. Last year, more than two-hundred persons participated in the sixteen tours planned by United Church Tours. Going to such places as the Holy Land, the South Seas, Africa, India, Turkey, and American Indian country in the Dakotas, these travelers received "the best of both worlds." They had the same sight-seeing opportunities which other tour agencies provide and the same fine accommodations. But in addition they had visits to out-of-the-way places where commercial tours rarely go and contacts with people associated with the mission of the church. Both experienced travelers and beginners testify to the effective planning and exceptional leadership of these tours.

It is "after the ball is over" that the most important benefits of the tours may yet take place. Those who have taken the tours often have opportunity to share what they have seen and what they have learned. One recent traveler, a seminary professor from New England, reported that he and his wife had given talks, shown slides, and exhibited displays from their tour to more than seven-hundred persons in sixteen different meetings!

If you have always wanted to travel and would like to see at first-hand some of the work of the church as you fulfill your life's ambition to see the world, consider United Church Tours. Tours can be custom-built for a conference or local church. Go where you want with the people you know. You'll have a ball! And afterwards, perhaps you can share your enjoyment and your new learnings with others.

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"I
am"

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Miss June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. Maurine Gminder, Guest Organist-Director
Cindy Rinker and Jennie Seamster, Acolytes

May 27, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE With Peace and Joy Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us open our minds to the voice of God.
People: We will try to think his thoughts.
Pastor: Let us open our hearts to his love.
People: We will try to be channels of love to our neighbors.
Pastor: Let us be open to the invasion of his life.
People: We will try to share in the ministry of his life through our lives.
Choir: The Lord is in His Holy Temple

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer
*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

PSALTER READING 94 Psalm 98 p. 531

NEW TESTAMENT READING Selected
* Gloria Patri
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer, O Lord
SOLO The Lord is My Light Speaks
(Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Soprano)
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (st. 1-4)
THE OFFERING
Offertory Blessed Are Ye Faithful Brahms

* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Happiness or Joy

*HYMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
POSTLUDE Largo Stanley

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Baxter.

TODAY 3:00 Rehearsal for "Charlie Brown"
4:00 Acolytes
7:00 Worship Committee

THE BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE meets Thursday evening at 8:00 at the parsonage.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Dr. Jose Bohigas and Family upon the death of his mother on May 20 and to Mrs. Fred Emerson and Family upon the death of her husband, Dr. Fred Emerson, on May 22.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. David Nichols and Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith upon the birth of K. David Nichols, III on May 24 in Rockville, Maryland.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

"I am"

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 27, 1973
Mark 14:55-62

Here is one of the rare claims Jesus made for himself, a bold announcement on which we build our faith. His claim caused a lot of agony. He got himself executed. His claim caused the authorities to be very angry and frightened. His claim caused the church to run and hide, and then to deny him. It's hard for us to face his cool, unflinching claim to be Lord. In a mood of tolerance and easy adjustment to culture, it's hard for us Christians to live with that nonnegotiable claim he makes over our lives, our church, our world. We would rather retain our little pieces of turf, but with his bold assertion he claims it all for his purposes.

REAL PROGRESS TO REPORT

What happens when an American missionary works closely with a committee of indigenous Christian leaders to improve the family life of a new nation? Often, there is real progress to report.

Consider Mrs. Vivian Hazel, a career missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries assigned to work with the Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Ghana. When she first arrived in Ghana in 1955, Mrs. Hazel was made head of the Home Economics Department of the Mawuli Secondary School in Ho. More recently, she has served as executive secretary of the Volta Region Committee on Christian Marriage and Family Life.

Under Mrs. Hazel's six years of leadership, the record of what her committee has accomplished is truly astonishing. The Family Planning Clinic founded by the committee has served more than 1,000 people. Objections to family planning have been overcome and much interest created through conferences, lectures, and institutes for teachers, pastors, and married couples. Thirty-seven local people have been trained as family advisors and now assist congregations in carrying out family-life education. Progress has been made in premarital and post-marital counseling. A syllabus on sex education and preparation for marriage has been written and has been taught in at least 15 schools in the area. The committee has published a study guide on family relationships in the Christian home, and more than 2,500 copies have been sold. It has also published the Ewe language translations of two booklets, "Twenty Awkward Questions and Twenty Frank Answers" and "Friendship Between Boys and Girls" of which more than 2,500 and 4,500 copies, respectively, have been sold. The committee has participated in the leadership of two interdenominational seminars on Family Life Education. Now that's what we call progress!

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 3, 1973

4:00 P.M.

Magnolia Cemetery

Elon College, North Carolina

For all the saints
who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith
before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROGRAM

Invocation ..... Rev. T. R. Hamilton

Hymn ..... Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Memoirs .....Gwendolyn Fogleman

Hymn ..... O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee

Memorial Address ..... Rev. T. R. Hamilton

Annual Business Meeting

Benediction

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS FOR 1973-1974

President	E. S. Lankford
Vice President	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Secretary	John W. Barney, Jr.
Treasurer	Miss Nina Matlock

OUR GOD, OUR HELP IN AGES PAST

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.

Our God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

O MASTER, LET ME WALK WITH THEE

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

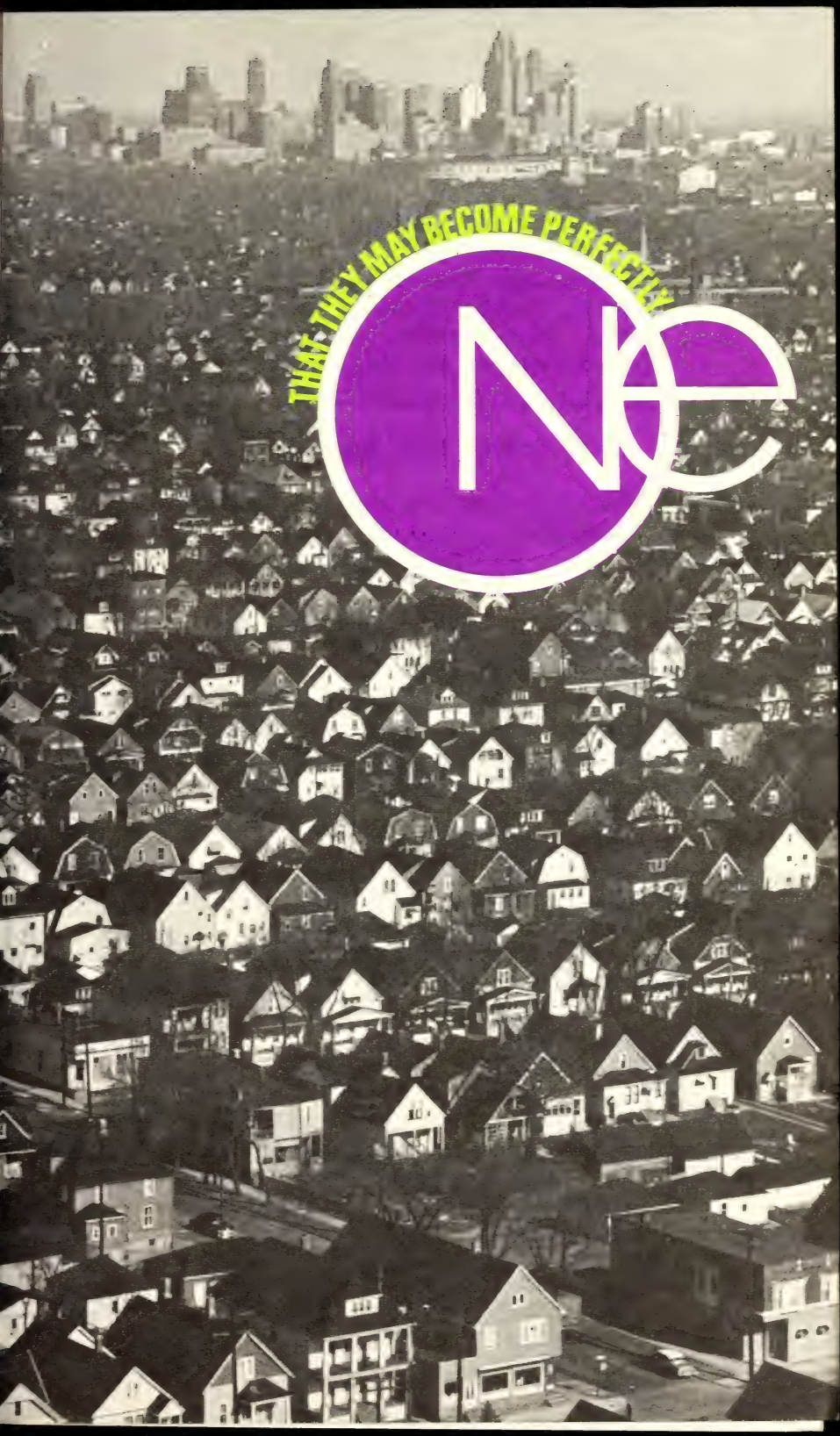
In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

DECEASED TO BE MEMORIALIZED

Mrs. Marian C. Bustard	May, 1972
Mrs. Carrie M. Carter	July, 1972
Dr. Wm. T. Scott	July, 1972
Mrs. Maude S. Day	August, 1972
Mr. D. B. Day	September, 1972
Mrs. Marie O. Wicker	November, 1972
Dr. L. R. Johnston	December, 1972
Mr. Lyman L. Wilkins, Sr.	December, 1972
Mr. R. L. Wall	January, 1973
Mr. H. J. Pritchett, Jr.	March, 1973

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
May 1, 1972 -- May 1, 1973

Balance May 1, 1972		
Checking Account	$ 667.76	
Savings Certificates	3,200.00	$3,867.76
Receipts		
Dues	379.00	
Dividends	160.00	539.00
Disbursements		
Postal Supplies - Printing	18.60	
Cemetery Work	27.00	45.60
Balance May 1, 1973		
Checking Account	1,161.16	
Savings Certificates	3,200.00	$4,361.16


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Nathan Gminder and Jay Updyke, Acolytes

June 3, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE My Heart, Love From Above Brahms

CHORAL INTROIT Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
Call to Worship
*HYMN 446 "God the Omnipotent"

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, keep before us the challenge and excitement of the truth found in Christ, that all our days may be spent in preparing the way of the Lord for the coming of his kingdom and for that life which is both present and eternal. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 121
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Romans 8:1-11

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen
ANTHEM With A Voice of Singing Shaw

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Mrs. Ellen Barney Williams, Soprano
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON What Difference Does It Make?

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows

The Statement of Faith
The Sacrament of Baptism
Laying on of Hands
Congregation: Beloved, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and give you our support in prayer and service that you may continue to grow in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses with us of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

*HYMN 391 "Be Thou My Vision"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response Lord, Now Lettest Thou Thy Servant
*POSTLUDE Finale from Symphony No. 5 Vierne

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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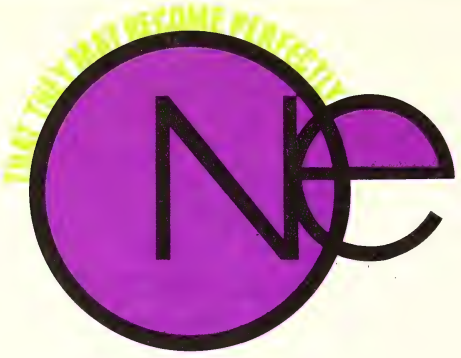
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. N. F. Brannock by the Family.

NEW MEMBERS are received into our church fellowship today. Joseph Gminder is received by Baptism and Confirmation. Nancy Boyd, Jane Danieley, Joy Hamilton, and Cindy Rinker are received by Confirmation.

THE ANNUAL MEMORIAL SERVICE of the Magnolia Memorial Association is this afternoon at 4:00.

REHEARSAL for "Charlie Brown" is this afternoon at 3:00 and also on Wednesday and Thursday.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. C. S. Crouch at Memorial.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **June 3, 1973**

John 17:20-26

"Getting it all together" in the church has never been easy. Church folks are like other people. We find it easy to differ, to disagree, and to remain apart. We divide over all kinds of traditions and vested interests. Sometimes we stay apart from habit, sometimes because we are scared to change. "Getting it all together" is not just a good idea or a convenience. It is Jesus' intention for his church. He doesn't always get his way in the church, but his intention could provide a different starting point. In the meantime, the world waits for a model community which has it all together.

JOINT ACCENT ON YOUTH

This past year, Christian Education staff members of six denominations—Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., Reformed Church in America, United Church of Christ, and United Presbyterian Church—have placed a special accent on work with youth.

As a part of the Joint Educational Development (JED) program, they have assisted churches in reaching out and ministering to youth who have no church affiliation. They have developed small cadres of trained persons to work with local leaders in helping youth face the major issues of life and relate these to the Christian faith. They have evaluated existing materials for youth ministry and identified specific areas where new materials are needed. And they have developed teams of young people who can bring the perspective and vision of youth into the policy-making and program-forming structures of the church.

In a day when traditional youth work is being evaluated in many churches, it is heartening to know that many young people care about their Christian faith and their church and will join in its ministry and mission if they are treated as responsible people and full participants.

This message was prepared for use by the United Presbyterian Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

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ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN YOU

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June 10, 1973 PENTECOST 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Adagio from Sonata No. 2 Mendelssoh

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lord
* Hymn 241 "Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers"
* Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Almighty God, deepen within us the sense of thy holy presence and refresh us in this hour with thy holy power. Confirm our faith, we pray, by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal. In the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Genesis 11:1-
* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Reading Acts 2:1-
The Anthem Brother James' Air Jac

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Am

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory In Thee Is Gladness
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 234 "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" (st. 1-3
Sermon Each Heard In His Own Language

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

* Postlude Selected

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is a member of Circle 3. Greeters of the Day are George Noah and D. Marsh McLelland.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. G. C. Crutchfield by the Family.

TODAY: 3:00 Rehearsal for "Charlie Brown"
7:30 Executive Board, Women's Fellowship
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE GENERAL MEETING of the Women's Fellowship is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

THE CONGREGATION is invited to attend the Dress Rehearsal for"Charlie Brown" on Thursday evening at 8:15 in the Parish House. The single performance will be given on Friday evening for the "Youth Happening".

DAY CAMP for children in grades 2-7 will be held at Moonelon the next two weeks. The first session is tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration blanks are in Miss Grubb's office.

THE RECREATION PROGRAM for the Elon community begins June 18 at the Middle School Grounds.

PENTECOST: 1973 **June 10, 1973**

The New Testament is undergirded throughout by the conviction that soon after the Resurrection the disciples "received the Holy Spirit." In the Gospel of John (John 20:22), the Spirit is bestowed by Jesus himself on the day of Resurrection. According to the Book of Acts (Acts 2:1-2) the Spirit descended on Pentecost, fifty days after the Resurrection. Both traditions agree that, as a result of the Resurrection, the disciples became aware of the presence of a new power which changed both their lives and their outlook. It was this new power which signaled the beginning of the church and of its mission.

Today, Pentecost 1973, is a day both for remembrance and for renewal. We remember the mission which has called the church onward and outward in service throughout the centuries. And we also, like the disciples, need the power of the Holy Spirit to renew the life and mission of the church today.

Let us reflect on the kind of commitment which that renewal will demand of us. Will we open our lives to be channels for this power of the Spirit and become instruments of mission to our world? Or will we, by placing personal priorities above the call to Christian commitment, shut off our lives from the source of power and become obstacles to the progress of mission? The choice is ours!

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WORSHIP THE FATHER IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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June 17, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Jesu, the Father's Only Son Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Fairest Lord Jesus
* Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"
* Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Thou hast invited us to come unto thee and find our rest. Lord God, we come. Grant us thy divine grace and help us to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thee. Amen

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Proverbs 10:1-9
* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
The Anthem Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
Men's Chorus

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Trio in F Major Handel
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 457 "The Summer Days Are Come Again"
Sermon Before The End of Summer

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 380 "March On, O Soul With Strength"

* Benediction

* Organ Response

* Postlude

*Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the Family.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

THE ADULT CHOIR will hold a picnic in the church yard on Wednesday evening at 6:00 for all the choir members and their families.

THE RECREATION PROGRAM for young people of the Elon community in grades 1-8 begins tomorrow morning at the Middle School. There will be a $1.00 registration fee which is the total cost for the four-week program.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Oma Johnson at Memorial.

THE WOMEN'S SUMMER CONFERENCE will be held Tuesday through Thursday at Catawba College.

DEVOTIONAL GUIDES for July-August are available on the literature table in the narthex.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **June 17, 1973**

Trinity Sunday **John 4:7-26**

The place and focus of Jesus' vision of worship is a protest against our usual parochialness. Usual worship in that time was, and in our time is, most often, domestic and safe. It is limited by our small dreams and petty loyalties. But to face the full mystery of the Father is very different. That full mystery calls us from dullness to joy, from phoniness to authenticity, from pettiness to largeness of embrace. That vision may be a sharp judgment upon our usual doing—or a fresh invitation to begin again. Worship allows the mystery of his healing to take place in our lives.

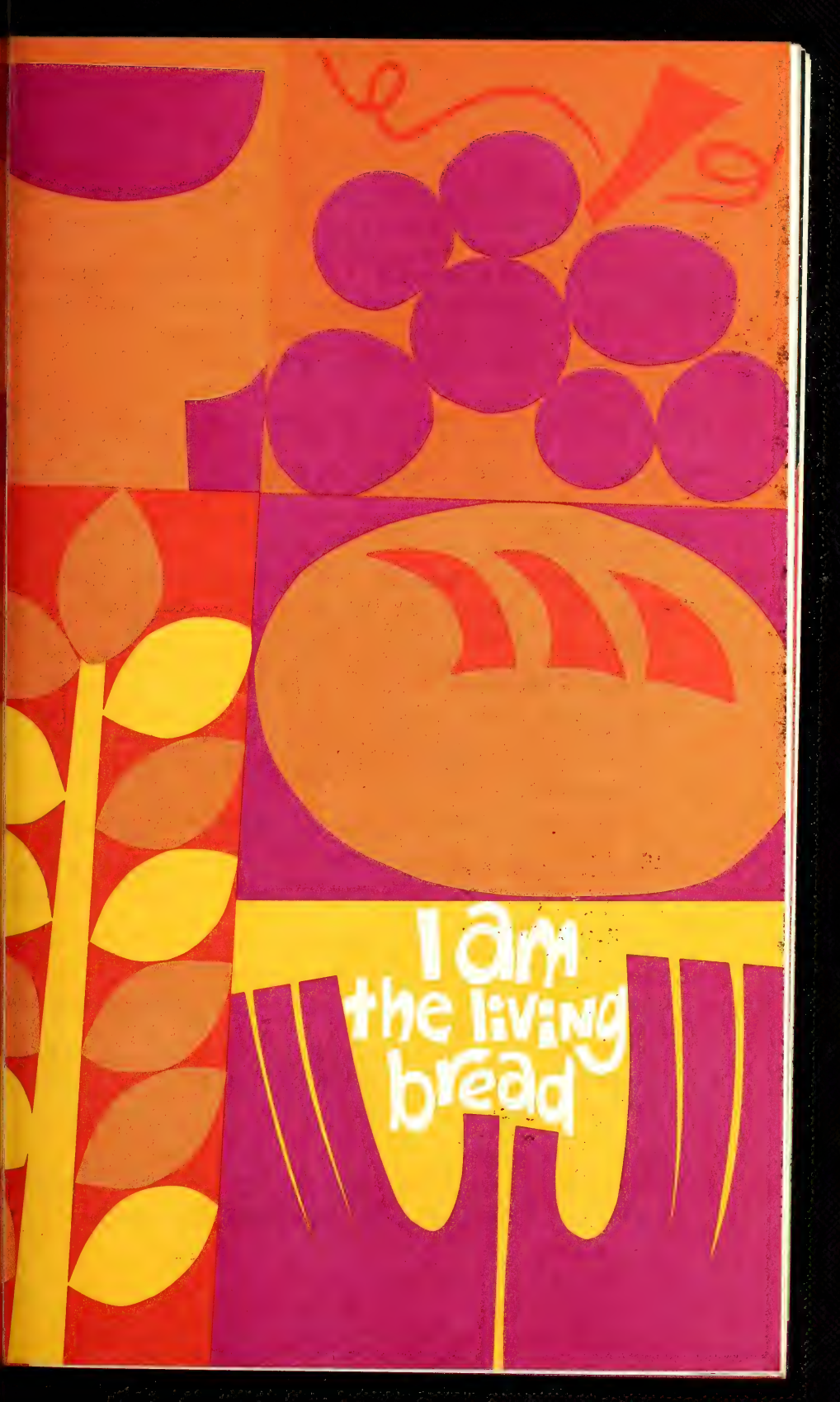
17/76 MEANS LIBERATION AT HOME AND ABROAD

The 17/76 Achievement Fund is our denominational effort to raise $17 million by 1976 for emergency and long-range support of the American Missionary Association colleges in the U. S. A. and of church-related educational enterprises around the world which are making a major contribution to racial justice in their societies.

While one might at first be surprised to see the AMA colleges thus linked with overseas mission in an effort to support the cause of racial justice and human liberation, it is really very logical. Racism takes its most extreme forms overseas—not only in Southern Africa but also in Eastern and Southern Asia, and in Middle Eastern and Latin American countries where injustice and oppression are often rooted in historic ethnic discrimination. Muslim minorities in the Philippines, dark-skinned outcastes in India, and blacks and Indians in many areas of South America are less obviously, but just as distressingly, the victims of this discrimination as blacks living under repressive minority white regimes in Southern Africa.

When your conference announces the dates of its participation in the 17/76 Achievement Fund, offer your support promptly and generously. Your help is greatly needed.

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I am
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bread

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Cindy Rinker and Nancy Boyd, Acolytes

June 24, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chorale Prelude in F Major Dupre

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
* Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Almighty God, deepen within us the sense of thy holy presence and refresh us in this hour with thy holy power. Confirm our faith, we pray, by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal. In the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Genesis 3:1-13, 20, 21
* The Gloria Patri
New Testament Reading Romans 14:1-19
Anthem Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God Mueller

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Andante Mozart
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 238 "Come, Gracious Spirit (st. 1-3)
Sermon Responsibility - Ability To Respond

OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"
Benediction
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
Postlude Fantasia in F minor Mozart

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E ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Malvin Artley in memory of their fathers, Mr. Norman Artley and Dr. Charles F. Brown.

E SEEKERS' CLASS will hold a family covered-dish picnic supper this evening at 6:30. Please bring tableware. Beverage will be provided.

E RECREATION PROGRAM for young people of grades 1-8 of the Elon community continues each morning this week at the Middle School.

E SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated here next Sunday at 10:00.

TICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

E GENERAL SYNOD is meeting June 22 to 26 in St. Louis. Among those attending is Dr. Clyde Fields from our congregation.

LY SCHEDULE: 9:00 Church School
10:00 Church Worship



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **June 24, 1973**

John 6:41-51

We pray for daily bread, which is to ask each day that we may know the power, joy, and newness which comes as God's rule is established among us. That bread leaves us fed and also under God's sovereign will. Most of us are self-fed so that we are often unaware of what hunger pangs feel like. But the gospel of living bread is addressed precisely to our hunger pangs. God does not respond to us with a calloused "let 'em eat cake." Rather he gives bread daily, the nourishment of compassion, the diet of identity. Eating cake, as is our wont, leaves us hungry. But the banquet of the kingdom leads to wholeness and newness. Anybody can eat there, but he will never be the same again.

NINTH GENERAL SYNOD

The Ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ is meeting this week in St. Louis, Missouri. Two years ago, the General Synod moved into a new way of setting priorities for the national units of the United Church of Christ. On the recommendation of the Executive Council, four priorities were adopted: The Faith Crisis, Racial Justice, Peace and U. S. Power, and Strengthening the Local Church. The approximately 850 delegates to the Ninth General Synod will be taking a close look at the ways in which these priorities have been implemented by our national instrumentalities.

In addition, the delegates will be dealing with a number of other issues. Among them are: leadership development in the United Church and how it can best be administered; ways in which the structures of the national agencies of the church can be made more representative of our constituency; the future status of the Neighbors in Need all-church offering; the future stance which the United Church of Christ can most effectively maintain as an appropriate social action thrust for today.

Remember with your prayers and your concern the delegates gathered in St. Louis this week so that they may make those decisions which will enable the whole United Church of Christ and all of our members to respond more faithfully to the claims of God upon us.

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at his gate lay a poor man

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July 1, 1973 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Open now thy gates of beauty. Zion, let me enter there, where my soul in joyful duty waits for him who answers prayer. O how blessed is this place, filled with solace, light and grace!

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord, come dwell within us. While on earth we tarry, make us thy blessed sanctuary. Unto us draw nearer and reveal thyself still clearer. Where we are, near or far, let us see thy power every day and hour. Amen

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 4:26-34

* Gloria Patri

THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Amen
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us pray:

MEDITATION He Heals and Makes Whole

THE OFFERING
Offertory Agnus Dei Liszt

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM Father, Teach Me How To Pray Keese

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 433 "God of our Fathers"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
POSTLUDE Let Us Go Out In Peace Together Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George Noah in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Euel Alvin Noah and Mr. and Mrs. John Eugene Stroud.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Oma Johnson and George Colclough at Duke; Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr., Mrs. Martha Whitesell, and Connie Howard at Memorial; and Dr. Alfred Hurst at Madison General, Madison, Wisconsin.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet this evening at 7:30 at the parsonage.

OUR REVISED SCHEDULE of Sunday Services will continue throughout July:

9:00 Church School
10:00 Church Worship

a poor man

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 1, 1973**

Luke 16:19-31

There is always a poor man at the gate, waiting at the door of the prosperous, hoping to share in the goodies. In our national history, we were "the poor man at the gate" 200 years ago, hoping for some of the goodies. But our prosperous history has put us on the other side of the gate, now controlling the sumptuous feast. Now the Third-World nations are the poor man at the gate. The developing nations of Asia, Africa, and Latin America ask about our feast. Jesus' parable indicates that such enormous economic inequities have a theological dimension which asks about the mission of the church. It also asks about American pride and power and purpose.

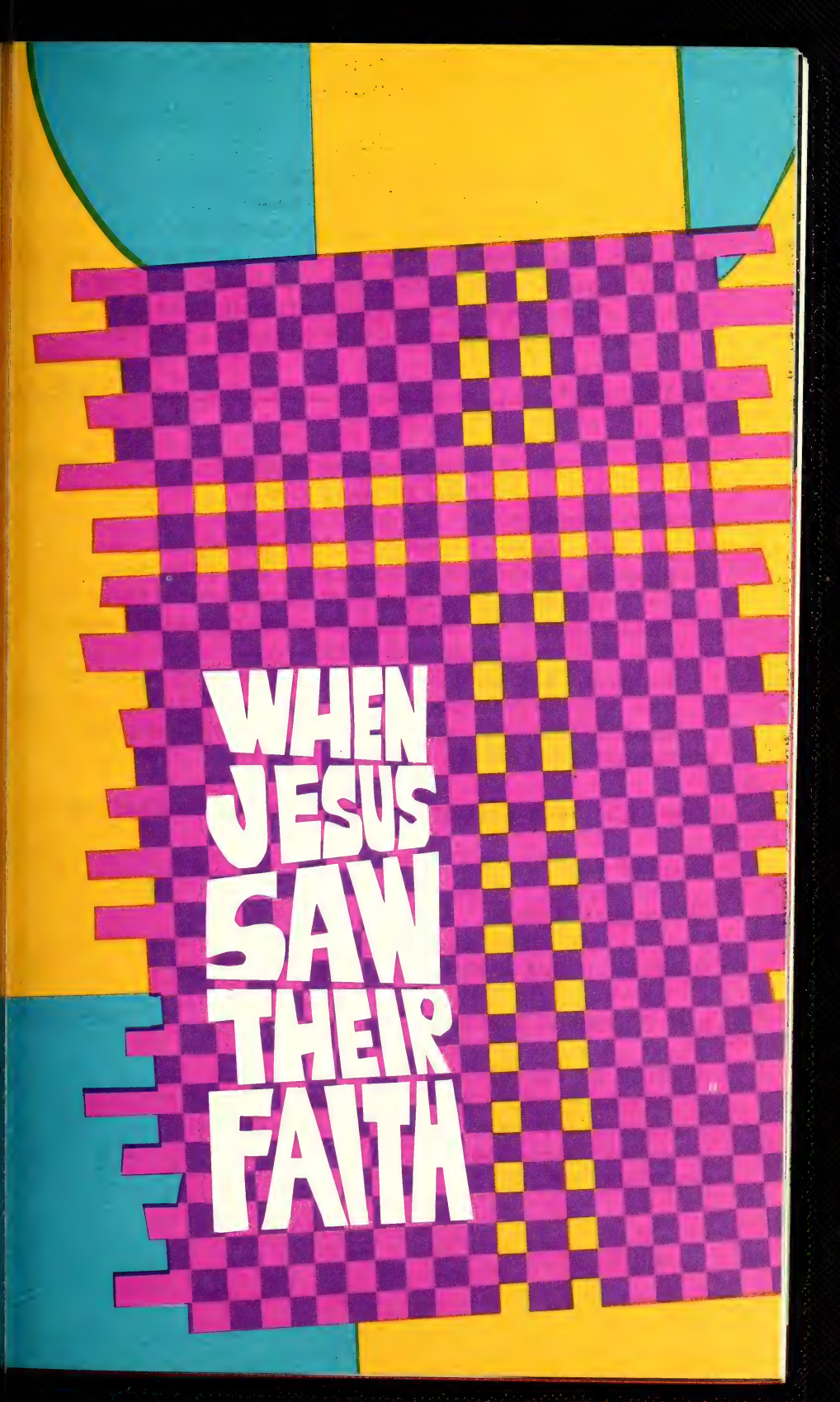
"NOT ENOUGH ENGLISH TO SNEEZE"

For the first time in recent years, the girls who are first-year students at the Amerikan Kiz Koleji (American Collegiate Institute) in Izmir, Turkey, are receiving all of their instruction, with the exception of Turkish language-study and sewing, in English from Turkish teachers who are now proficient speakers of English. As Julia Tigner, one of the missionaries of the United Church Board for World Ministries who teaches at Izmir, comments, "Guidance of our students—who don't yet speak enough English to sneeze in it—up till now has been done in our limited Turkish, shown by our example, or given by a Turkish teacher who doesn't speak English." Such are the problems of bi-cultural education.

The American Collegiate Institute provides junior-high, senior-high, and junior-college education for more than 600 students. It is one of Turkey's outstanding schools, accepting only one out of six applicants on the basis of competitive examinations. The perplexities of providing quality education are increased this year by a serious water shortage. The water is shut off all day and students must carry drinking water with them from home.

Our representatives cherish your concern as they try to meet such daily ups and downs with grace and courage.

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WHEN
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July 8, 1973 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Song Without Words Mendelssohn
Jane Updyke, flute

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Come and see what God has done.
People: His work is honorable and glorious, and his righteousness endureth forever.
Pastor: Let us test and examine our ways, and return to the Lord!
People: Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven.
Choral Introit: Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 13 "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him"

PSALTER READING 74 Psalm 34 p. 520

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth" (st. 1-4)

ANTHEM O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing Glaser

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 2:1-12

SERVICE OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response Twofold Amen
STATEMENT OF FAITH (in unison)

OFFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS

Offertory Andante in F# Bach

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON When Jesus Saw Their Faith...

*HYMN 384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

POSTLUDE Fugue in C# Bach

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Lamphier in memory of her grandfather, Dr. Frank E. Hale.

TODAY: Softball at 6:00 at College Field.

THE RECREATION PROGRAM for young people of grades 1-8 of the Elon community continues each morning this week at the Middle School.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow.

JULY SCHEDULE: 9:00 Church School
10:00 Church Worship

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr. and Connie Howard at Memorial.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 8, 1973**

Mark 2:1-12

Jesus was sometimes amazed at the remarkable faith of persons. Their faith seemed to permit undreamed possibilities to happen. Think of that! They believed a sick man could be healed. At other times Jesus was stunned by the unfaith of people, an unfaith which prevented newness. Faith, by contrast, moves in the direction of hope, the conviction that God has more in store for us, that his promises are waiting to be fulfilled. And the fulfillment far surpasses any present blessing. That kind of faith, currently in short supply, dares to have the boat rocked. It believes that God's new possibilities are healthier and more joyous than we have ever experienced before. So why settle for lack of faith which prevents newness?

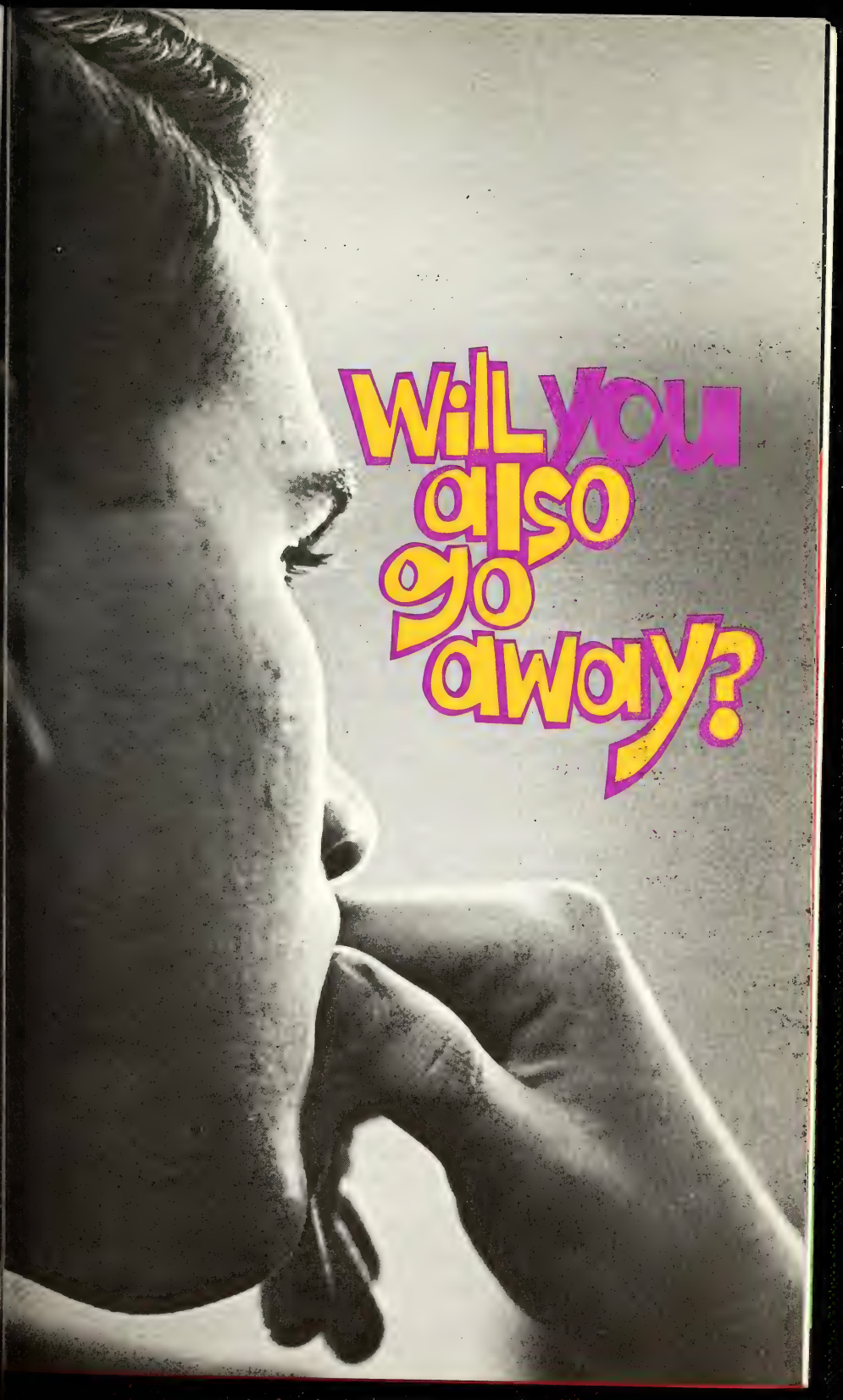
THE PROJECT IN AGRIPOLITAN MINISTRIES

In America the focus of our attention has been forced upon the urban scene, on the problems of cities. Yet, without making headlines, the concentration is deepening upon the need of rural and small-town communities. There is more defective housing in rural U. S. areas than in all our cities put together. Economic survival for the small farmer is threatened. Young people who are the potential leaders of tomorrow tend to leave. The elderly concentrate in villages with a constellation of problems. As for the churches, congregations dwindle, and it is difficult to interest high-caliber leadership—lay and ministerial—in the rural scene.

Facing up to this critical situation is a unique venture in rural ecumenical strategy, the Project in Agripolitan Ministries. Covering fourteen counties in southern Illinois and sixteen in Indiana, the project is shared in by United Presbyterians, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Christ, United Methodists, and two state Councils of Churches. Together they are seeking more effectively to equip the rural church and its ministry by coordinating their resources, pooling ideas and experience, evaluating programs, providing a fellowship through retreats, and holding workshops concerned with a specific need of local church leaders—such as the very successful workshop recently held on "What the Farmer Wishes His Pastor Understood."

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Will you also go away?

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Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Guest Organist
Nathan Gminder and Joseph Gminder, Acolytes

July 15, 1973 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Andante Mozart

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us ask the blessing of the Lord to be upon us today.

People: May the love and grace of God impel us to share the good news of his love for all people.

Unison: By the power of God, may we become channels through which his love and grace may flow.

Choir: "Gracious God, I Come Before Thee"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 263 "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"

UNISON READING 125 The Beatitudes P. 544

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 5:21-24, 35-42

SERVICE OF PRAYER

The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 84 "The Lord's My Shepherd"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Give Thanks Unto God Ashford

* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

ERMON So... You Leap
Mark 6: 1-6
YMN OF DEDICATION 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

ENEDICTION
Congregational Response: The Doxology
OSTLUDE Turn Back, O Man Genevan Psalter

* Indicated when the congregation will stand.

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. William T. Scott, Sr. by the Family.

HE RECREATION PROGRAM for young people of grades 1-8 of the Elon community continues each morning this week at the Middle School.

HE PASTOR AND FAMILY will be on vacation July 18-25. They may be reached in any emergency or need by calling the church office or Mrs. Harry Boley. Our guest minister next Sunday will be the Reverend Mr. William P. Smith, Director of the Marriage and Personal Counseling Service of Burlington.

IE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

E CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the family upon the death of Vitus Covington on July 12.

SPITALIZED: Mrs. J.W. Matlock, Sr. is a patient at the Edgewood Manor Annex of Memorial Hospital.



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 15, 1973**

John 6:53-69

The gospel is never popular. It may have moments of attraction as Jesus had, but very soon he had to talk about the destiny of death and the scandal of resurrection. These are at the heart of our faith. But such a focus for life is not easily accommodated to the dominant values of culture, then or now. Probably, it is not realistic to expect the church to be big, strong, or prosperous in our kind of world, because we speak the language of risk and of renewal of a revolutionary kind. Such a faith offends many and makes rigorous demands upon our best intentions. Always we are choosing to stay with Jesus or to try other options. There are always more appealing alternatives in our kind of culture.

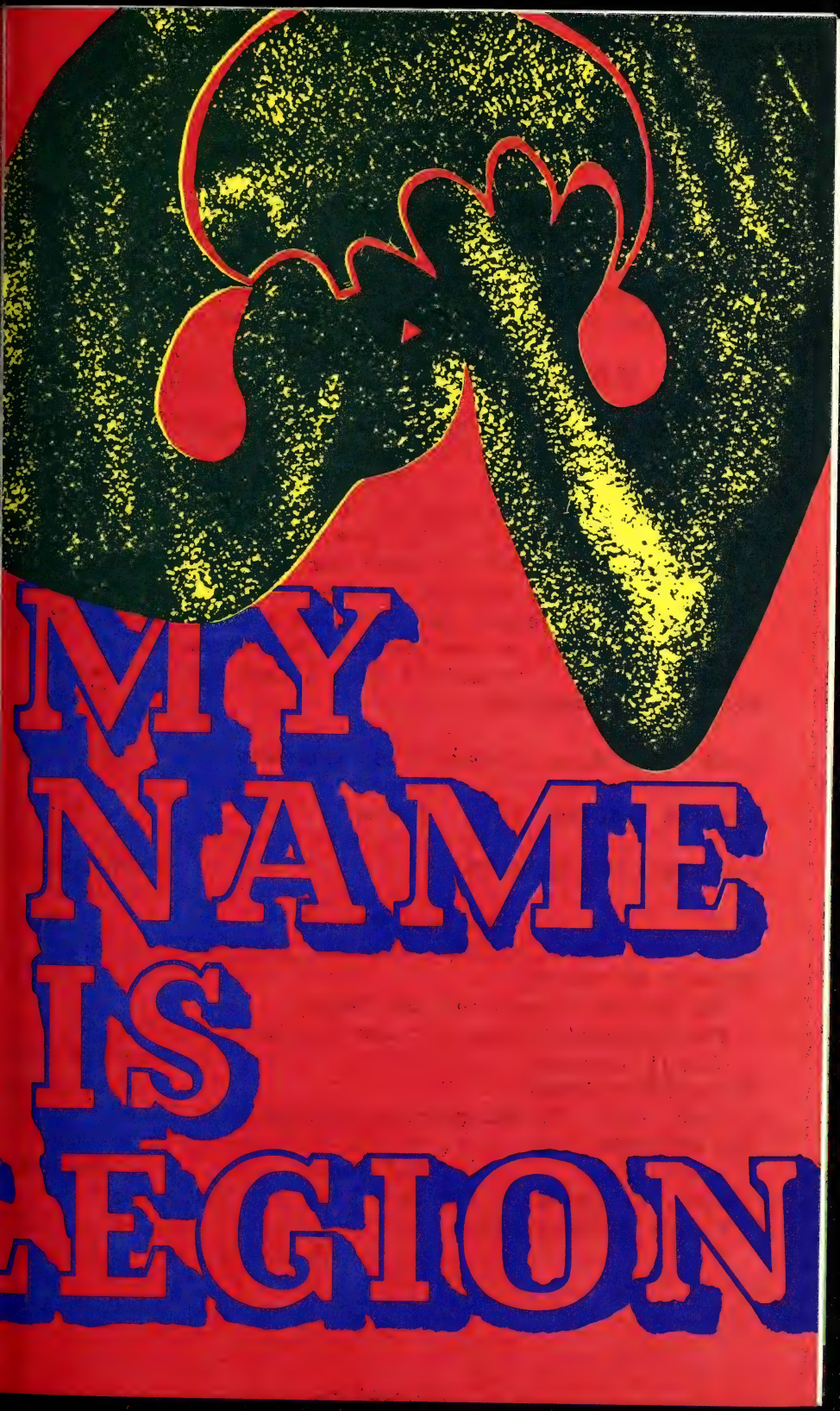
"IS THERE A DOCTOR IN THE HOUSE?"

From time to time, many North American doctors contribute voluntary service overseas for brief periods of time. Our own United Church Board for World Ministries is continually on the lookout for such volunteers. One doctor who has gone to Honduras under this plan is Dr. Oliver M. Hitch, an ophthalmologist from Green Bay, Wisconsin. Dr. Hitch, and his wife Lucy, a registered nurse, have worked on two occasions of four weeks each in an eye clinic at the government hospital in San Pedro Sula.

The need for eye care in Honduras is overwhelming. In an area encompassing a half-million people, the only hospital treating charity patients is the government hospital in San Pedro Sula. Dr. Hitch was able to perform about 200 cases of major eye surgery and examine over 2,000 patients during his visits. So many persons were in need of medical attention that it was necessary to make a rule that cataract operations would only be contemplated where the person had lost the sight of both eyes!

If you are a physician, or if you know of one who might be interested in volunteering for a brief tour of duty, write or call the Rev. Neill Richards, United Church Board for World Ministries, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027. You'll be glad you did! As Dr. Hitch puts it, "We have a deep conviction that this project was very worthwhile and most rewarding to the patients and to ourselves."

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MY
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IS
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July 22, 1973 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio from Concerto in A minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP **Psalm 59:16,17**

Minister: We will sing of God's strength and celebrate his love when morning comes.

People: For God has been our fortress and a sure retreat in days of trouble.

Unison: Together let us raise a psalm to God who is the tower of our strength.

Choir: "Gracious God, I Come Before Thee"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (st. 1-4)

PSALTER READING 80 Psalm 51 P. 523

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 8:31-38

SOLO Be Thou With Me Bach
(Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Soprano)

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON Miss Grubb

* Hymn 413 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Soliloquy Younger

* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

ERMON Liberation in Truth About Ourselves Mr. Smith

YMN 60 "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name"

ENEDICTION

Congregational Response: The Doxology

OSTLUDE A Mighty Fortress Bach

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HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Walter.

UR GUEST MINISTER today is Reverend William P. Smith, a United Church of Christ minister now directing a Marriage and Personal Counseling Service in Burlington. Our Pastor and family will return on Wednesday.

HE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. George Shumar upon the death of her brother, Lawrence Paige, on July 13.

HE BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE will meet at the parsonage Thursday evening at 8:00.

ONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dollar upon the birth of Jonathan Scott Dollar on July 13.

HOSE 3rd - 6th graders participating in the "Star Gaze" are to meet at the Parish House Wednesday evening at 9:00.

EK OF JULY 29: VCS from 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. for Kindergarten through 6th grade.

MY NAME IS LEGION

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 22, 1973**

Mark 5:1-20

The ringing phone and the crammed schedule are hallmarks of American life. We are often caught up in a rat race which spreads us too thin and which causes us to live scattered, restive lives that seem unordered and without priority. We are like the demon-possessed man, not knowing who we are or what our life is about. The gospel is that we can be integrated persons and need not be fragmented. Family and society can make decisions that fragment our identity and our purpose. Jesus came precisely to fragmented lives like ours. He enables us to "get it all together," to know who we are. That is his promise, but it means that we must come under his rule to be free.

PHASE TWO IN SUDAN

A little over a year ago, the government of the Democratic Republic of Sudan and the South Sudan Liberation Movement agreed to end a little-publicized war that had dragged on for more than 16 years. Ten months of patient negotiation brought peace at last to the Sudan, and the church was part of the negotiating team! For almost a year, representatives of the World Council of Churches, the All-Africa Conference of Churches, and the Sudan Council of Churches had been acting as messengers and go-betweens for the protagonists.

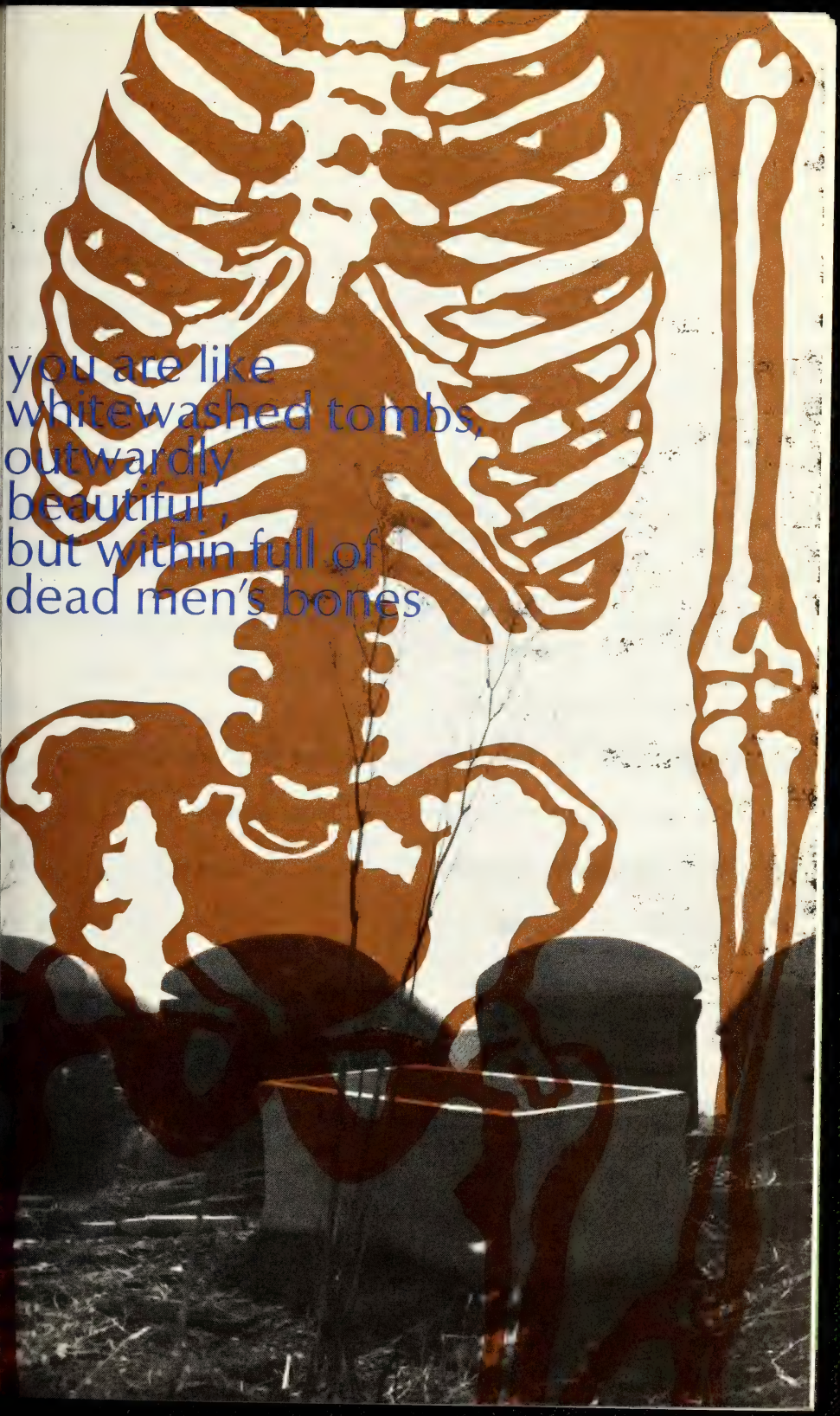
Now that fighting has ceased, phase two, the meeting of relief and rehabilitation needs, has begun. Again, the churches are important participants. The World Council and the All-Africa Council are acting with the Sudan Council of Churches which unites Protestant, Orthodox, and Roman Catholic churches in the Sudan. Church funds have been used to purchase relief supplies and provide vehicles for distribution.

Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie paid tribute to the churches by saying, "As instruments of God, you have carried out his will for peace and justice. You were able to bring two brothers together again. What joy is there more than this? What you have done is of lasting value."

And you—through your giving to the One Great Hour of Sharing—SOS all-church offering—have helped in this tremendous task of phase two, the rebuilding of Sudan. What joy is there more than such service to humanity?

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you are like
whitewashed tombs,
outwardly
beautiful,
but within full of
dead men's bones

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July 29, 1973 10:00 a.m

PRELUDE Vocalise Rachmaninof

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: "This is the covenant which I will make with them", says the Lord.
People: "I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds."
Unison: "And I will be their God and they shall be my people."
Choir: "Gracious God, I Come Before Thee"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 5:1-5; 10:12-2

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 4:1-6; 11-1

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Ame

CHILDREN'S SERMON

* Hymn 414 "In Christ There is No East or West"

THE OFFERING
Offertory Andante in G Major Guilman

*Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

*Prayer of Dedication

SERMON July and Jesus

*HYMN 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response: The Doxology

*POSTLUDE Passacaglia in G minor Young

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mrs. Archie I. Braxton and Family in memory of her husband.

ATTENDING Camp Moonelon this week are Nathan Allen and Bobby Chafee.

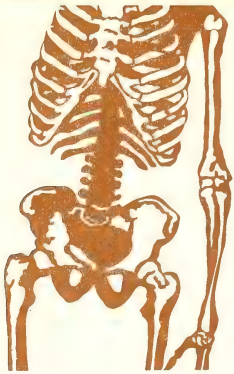
THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Barney upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Harold R. Howell of Liberty Corner, New Jersey on July 21.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due in the secretary's office tomorrow morning.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL for Kindergarten through Grade 6 begins tomorrow morning at 9:00. Open invitation is extended to the church and community to attend each day.

STARTING NEXT SUNDAY, we shall return to our usual schedule of Church School at 9:45 and Church Worship at 11:00. The exception will be August 19 when Church School and Church Worship will combine at 9:30 in order that those who desire can also attend the college Baccalaureate-Commencement.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets next Sunday evening at 7:30.



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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 29, 1973**

Matt. 23:23-39

From Ingmar Bergman to *Easy Rider,* cemeteries have come to symbolize what is phony and empty, devoid of power and persuasion. In Jesus' day the moral establishment had good intentions, but it functioned only to restrict and deprive. Jesus' rule is contrasted with the tombstones. He cares for people, but the fake establishment only crushes them. He believes in people and has compassion, but the hypocritic establishment cares more for rules than persons. It makes one wonder about our moral pretension in a society beset by violence (read war) and graft, much of it in the name of noble ideals. Maybe there is less here than meets the eye—maybe only bones.

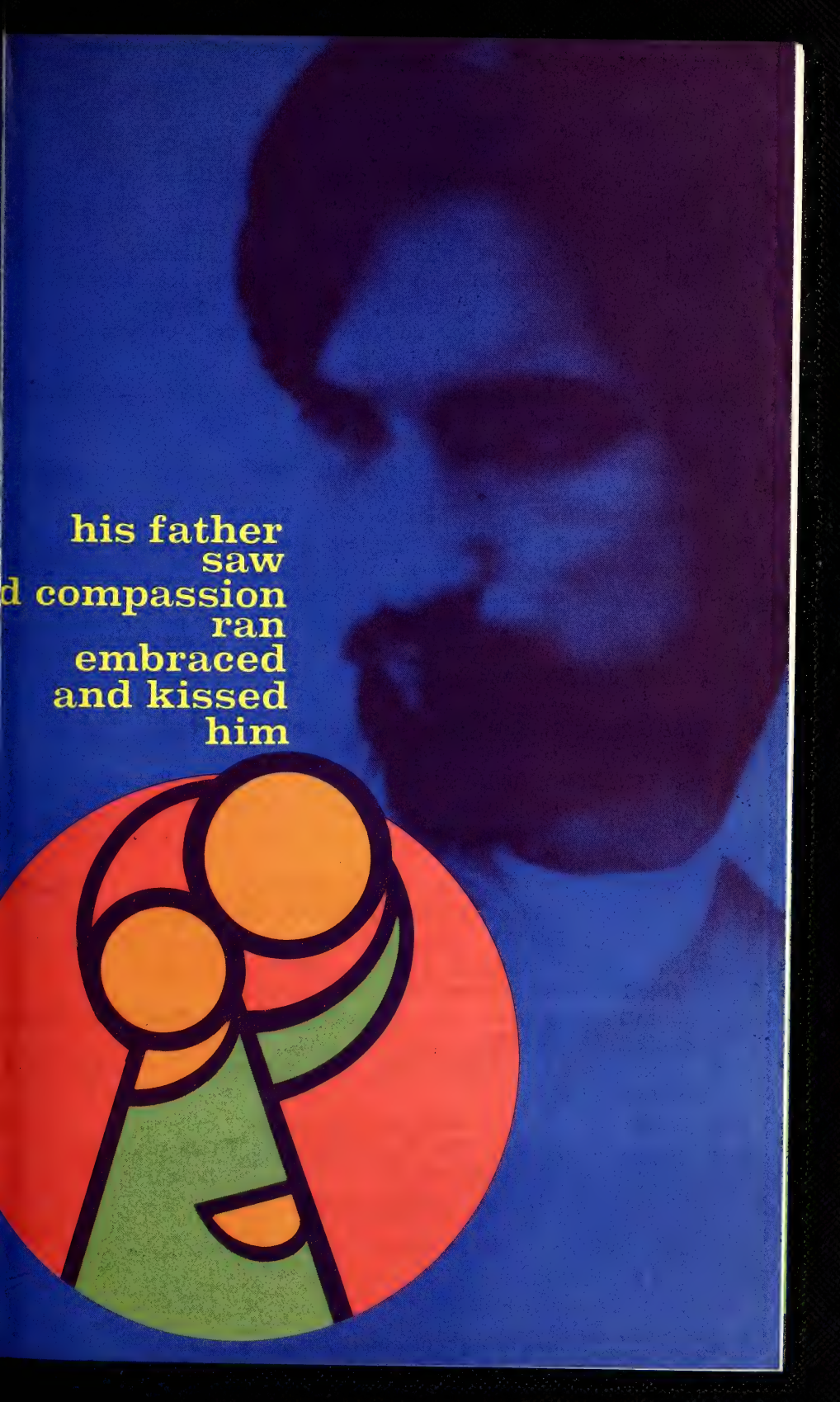
ENTOMBED FOR A DAY

Last autumn the members of our United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice gathered in Washington, D. C., for their regular meeting. But unlike many meetings, this one was not held entirely within the confines of a church or a hotel. Rather, for a good share of one day, the members visited with inmates of the Lorton Correctional Institute of Lorton, Virginia. They learned, firsthand, a bit of what it is like to be imprisoned today.

John Lane, a CRJ staff member working on new approaches to the white community, commented after an earlier visit to New York City's infamous "Tombs" prison that his whole being cried out at the harshness of the repressive atmosphere and conditions which exist in the "Tombs" and in the whole prison system. "My gut rebels against all who are connected with the criminal justice system—the administrators and keepers, and those of us on the outside who created and still sustain it. . . . Some political elements of our society foster simplistic answers of firmer and harsher treatment," he says. "I would guess that they have never passed through those gates to meet the caged citizens face to face."

Our Commission for Racial Justice calls upon us all to participate in the struggle to understand, to relate to and deal with, and to confront both the keepers and the kept. It takes both faith and courage to engage in such a struggle for justice. Whether we in the United Church of Christ have such faith and courage, only time will tell.

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Jennie Seamster and Cindy Rinker, Acolytes

August 5, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Chorale in E Major Franc

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 92:1,2
Pastor: It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to his name;
People: to declare his steadfast love in the morning and his faithfulness by night.
Choir: "Grant Me True Courage, Lord"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 91:14-1

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 15:11-3

SOLO The Lord's Prayer Malott
Mrs. Ellen Williams, Soprano
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Praye
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father" (st. 1-3
THE OFFERING
* Offertory Adagio For Organ Bac
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Good Grief!

*HYMN 372 "How Firm a Foundation" (st. 1-4

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response: The Doxology

*POSTLUDE Finale in F Major Scheidt

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bayliff, Jr.

OUR CAMPERS this week are David Byers, Jim Byers, and Dan Hamilton at Moonelon and Nancy Boyd, Lynn Fogleman, Joseph Gminder and Joy Hamilton at Johns River.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS meets this evening at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday. Interested persons are asked to notify the Pastor today.

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE in grades 3-6 will visit the Newton Retirement Home on Wednesday. Please be here by 10:00 a.m. with a bag lunch. They may be expected to return about 4:30 p.m.

THANKS to the teachers and staff who conducted our Vacation Church School this past week. About 50 young people attended and enjoyed a variety of activities.

CHURCH SCHOOL AND CHURCH WORSHIP will combine at 9:30 on August 19 in order that those who so desire may attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement.



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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 5, 1973**

Luke 15:11-31

Jesus told this much loved parable to explain why he ate with "sinners." Jesus met resistance in his program to include in society all those who had been excluded because they were repulsive and scared others. But Jesus found them neither repulsive nor threatening, only in need of love. He dared to say that God is like the father who welcomes what the world excludes. The story is an invitation to act differently, not to drive out but to include in. Such a father calls into question all of our hatred and fear, our racism and condescension. Maybe there is little reason for us to be so up-tight about other people, all of whom are his children.

A CHRISTIAN MINISTRY IN OUR NATIONAL PARKS

Ever think about taking your dog with you to church? If you were camping in one of our National Parks it would seem natural to take all the family members to the service in the park's amphitheater, and chances are no one would be particularly upset by your pet's presence.

The worship service would be led by a student minister assisted by other students serving as ushers, Sunday-school teachers, and perhaps song leaders. These students work during the week for the local park concessions as truckdrivers, deskclerks, waitresses, dishwashers.

Providing worship on Sundays and providing a Christian ministry for park employees and visitors through the week are the twin emphases of the unique program known as "A Christian Ministry in the National Parks." In 1972, its twentieth year, this program placed ministry teams in fifty-five National Parks. Two hundred and fifty-five college and seminary students, representing thirty-four denominations, participated.

Perhaps worshiping in such a service has helped you to realize in a new way how we are all part of the body of Christ. Gone are the barriers which so often keep us apart at home. Praising God in the midst of his creation is a beautiful experience!

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August 12, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Two Antiphons Young

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Thus says the Lord: "Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool;"
People: "All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine," says the Lord.
Choir: "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 20:1-16

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
* Statement of Faith
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer for the People
Choral Response Hear Our Prayer
THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem Brother James Air Jacob
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON God's Lavishness

*HYMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (st. 1,2)

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*BENEDICTION Dr. John Truitt

* Congregational Response: The Doxology

*POSTLUDE Selected

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell.

NEW MEMBERS received today are Miss Mary Lynn Brafford, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic T. Watts, Jr., Frederic T. Watts, III (in absentia), Lee Watts (in absentia), Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wills, Kyle Wills, and Dr. and Mrs. J. Fred Young.

THIS WEEK: Special Junior High Activities will be held this week, Monday - Thursday from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. on the campus of the Elon Home for Children. All young people who are entering grades 7, 8, and 9 are encouraged to attend. It will be a good week with recreation (including swimming), crafts and "rap" sessions...A Coffee Hour will be held Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church for all the volunteers and other persons interested in "Hot Meals for the Elderly"...The Christian Education Committee meeting is Tuesday evening at 7:00... Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

NEXT SUNDAY, our Church School and Church Worship will combine at 9:30, to dismiss by 10:15, in order that those who so desire can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement at 10:30.

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 12, 1973**

Matt. 20:1-16

This story of Jesus is one of the most radical statements he ever made. Our whole world operates on the close connection between production and reward. In our families, we mostly praise the achieving child. In our schools, you know who gets the praise and later the scholarships. In our work, we must hustle for promotion, if not for survival. Jesus suggests an alternative, that we are not valued because of what we do but because of who we are. A lot of folks may not produce—the young, the poor, the disadvantaged, the elderly. But all our production means nothing. God rewards out of his generous heart without checking our production. Maybe we don't have to "sell our souls to the company store."

A LASTING IMPRESSION

About fifteen years ago a young girl became a student at the Mary B. Harding Kindergarten Training College in Sholapur, Maharashtra, West India which is supported by the United Church Board for World Ministries. She was a Hindu, as most of the students are, though some are Muslim, and a few are Christian. Looking back on the experience from the vantage point of more mature years, the girl-now-woman recently reflected that being asked to participate in the annual Christmas program at the school had made a lasting impression on her.

She had not attended the school for long. Her family was not particularly keen on her attending a Christian school, so she finished her teacher training in a secular university. Afterward she married and later had two children. Now living in Bombay, the former student returned to Sholapur because of family problems, and while she was there she visited some of the staff of the Training College. No, she told them, she was not a baptized Christian, but she believed in Jesus. Would they pray for her, she asked, in her difficult situation?

Miriam Rogers, UCBWM missionary and the only westerner on the staff of the college, points to this as an example of the two-way street of Christian fellowship and communication which typifies the college's approach to its students. The experience leaves a lasting impression on many of them.

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Mrs. McSherry Lackey, Guest Organist

August 19, 1973 9:30 a.m.

What's on Your Mind?

PRELUDE Prelude in G Minor Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP The Pastor
* The Doxology The Congregation
HYMNS (To be Selected)

*SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 7:21-27

Pastor: 'Not everyone who calls me "Lord, Lord" will enter the kingdom of Heaven, but only those who do the will of my heavenly Father.

People: When that day comes, many will say to me, "Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, cast out devils in your name, and in your name perform many miracles?"

Pastor: Then I will tell them to their face, "I never knew you; out of my sight, you and your wicked ways!"

Unison: 'What then of the man who hears these words of mine and acts upon them? He is like a Man who had the sense to build his house on rock. The rain came down, the floods rose, the wind blew, and beat upon that house; but it did not fall, because its foundations were on rock. But what of the man who hears these words of mine and does not act upon them? He is like a man who was foolish enough to build his house on sand. The rain came down, the floods rose, the wind blew, and beat upon that house; down it fell with a great crash.'

RESPONSES TO THE WORD OF GOD
Who enters Kingdom of Heaven? Why?
Who is the wise man?
Who is the foolish man?

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Sentence Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer

THE OFFERING
Offertory Hymn (To be selected)
Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN (To be selected)

*BENEDICTION The Pastor

POSTLUDE Prelude in C Major Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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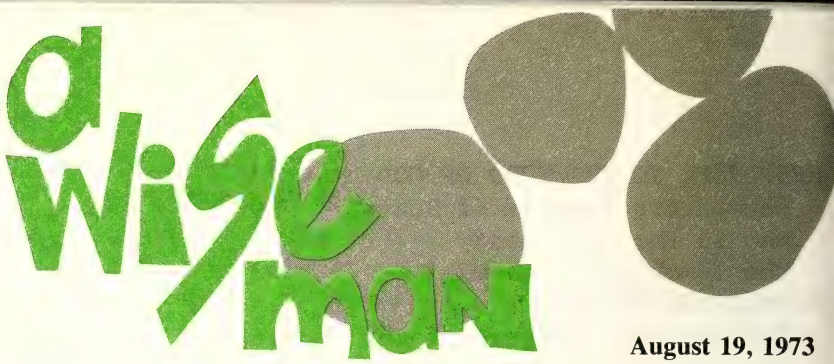
TODAY: 10:30 Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement
7:00 Senior High Youth

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. Buck Bayliff upon the birth of Jacob Brent Bayliff on August 14.

THE BUILDING FINANCE Committee will meet Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the parsonage.

THE DAMASCUS ROAD GROUP of the New Directions will be at the McFarland Activities Building on Thursday evening at 7:30. The community is invited.

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August 19, 1973

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Matt. 7:21-27

The cheap kind of housing built today may show us a parable. You know, it is quick and inexpensive, well-planned and comfortable. But of course it does not last. Probably we build our lives as we build our houses, quickly without too much thought, cheaply without too much risk. And like such houses, our lives tend to cave in. Jesus called it wise to build lives so that they don't cave in. Such lives must be built on something solid—like rock. The rock recommended by Jesus is the will of God. Lives endure and are more precious if they are based on an abiding destiny, on an enduring purpose. Flimsy lives can make it in the short run. But firmly based lives are for the long run.

"NOW I CAN WORK—THANK GOD"

"I was playing the piano when the doorbell rang," writes Albert Faurot, a missionary serving on the faculty of Silliman University in the Philippines.

"Standing at the door was a small, smiling man with his hands in his pockets. When he took his hands out of his pockets, there were no fingers on either hand. He had just traveled the hundred miles from his place to a nearby leprosarium for a final checkup, and had a certificate marked *Cured.* 'No good!' he chuckled, 'nobody will give me a job.' But he was eager to go home, where he had a wife and two children, not lepers. And he had a piece of land where he hoped to build a house and a small store. I gave him travel money. Later, when I sat down at the piano again to play, somehow my fingers would not fly. Touch, sight, sound—how precious they suddenly seemed.

"He visited me again and brought along his wife. She had had a breast tumor and he had spent some of the house money for her treatment at Silliman Medical Center, where they are more charitable than at many hospitals.

"Another time he showed me a snapshot of his family and of his new house. For a while he had tried to work in the cane fields to earn money to help pay for the new house. He had to quit this work, not because of his hands, but because of his feet. He had no toes. When I gave him some money to help complete his store, he said, 'Now I can sit down and work with what's left of my hands. Thank God!' "

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August 26, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Morning Hymn Peeters

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Mr. Caddell
Choral Introit "Praise To The Lord"
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Spirit of God, descend upon our hearts. Stoop to our weakness, mighty as thou art, and make us love thee as we ought to love. Teach us to feel that thou art always near; teach us the struggles of the soul to bear, to check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh; teach us the patience of unanswered prayer.
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
* Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds The Skies" (st. 1-4)
THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading 103 Psalms 121, 122 P. 536
New Testament Reading Philippians 3:7-14
The Anthem We Gather Together Men's Chorus
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Song of Joy Jongen
* Cong. Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
Prayer of Dedication
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" (st. 1,4)
Sermon Press on Toward the Goal Mr. Hamilton

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Postlude Recessional in F Major Schmidt

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we recognize the coaches and players of the 1973 Fighting Christians. Our liturgist of the morning is the Reverend Mr. Stephen Caddell, Campus Minister of Elon College.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McLelland and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Norwood.

CONGRATULATIONS to Andrew N. McLelland and Rose Ann Wilder whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here on August 24.

TODAY acolytes and prospective acolytes meet at 4:00... The Senior Hi Youth (9-12 graders) meet in the Parish House at 7:00. Please bring your ideas for programming...At 8:00, "The Dimensions of Creation", a multi-media experience of worship with slides and taped music, will be presented. The narration, a choral reading, was done by our young people. Everyone is invited.

BOTH CHOIRS begin again on Wednesday. The Junior Choir for 3-7 graders rehearses at 3:30 in the Choir Room. The Adult Choir invites all its former members and new voices to join them at 7:30.

PERSONS who wish to place flowers in the church during the next year are asked to call Mrs. Martin or Miss Mary Lee Foster.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.



ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 26, 1973**

Mark 12:13-17

Jesus was good with trick questions because he always turned them to good advantage. We are always reminded of what belongs to Caesar—the claim of the state on our taxes, the claim of the company on our time, the claim of myriad products on our consumer dollars. But the claim of God? First fruits and not leftovers. Our best and not what we can spare. Our sacred honor and our lives. Our vocational planning, our family planning, our budget planning, all are to be seen in this context. We do not often speak of it, but God's claim upon us is massive and uncompromising. He is not greedy. But he deals in essentials. What is your response?

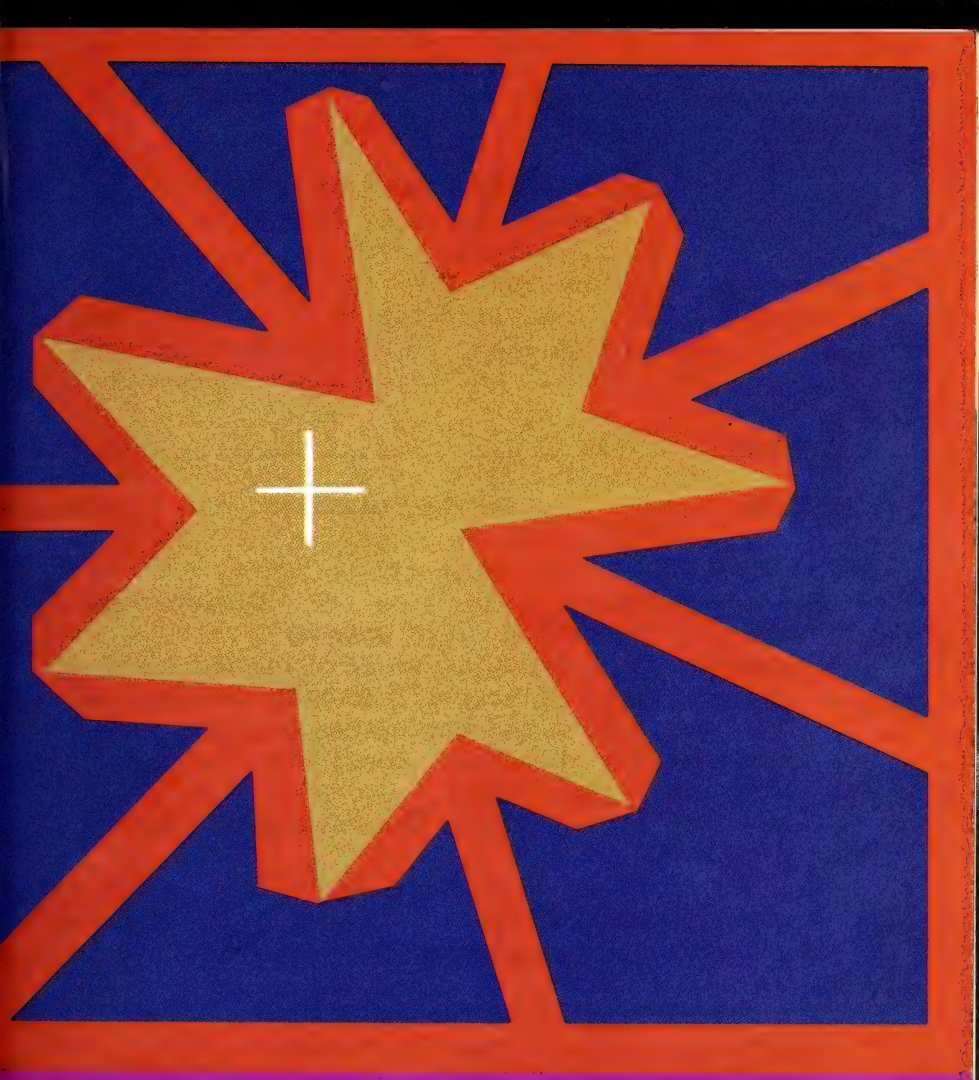
FIVE REASONS FOR HELPING

There are, of course, many reasons for supporting the $^{17}/_{76}$ Achievement Fund, the largest share of which will provide emergency and long-range support for the six black colleges of the American Missionary Association. Five reasons, however, stand out as particularly important:

- Our country needs, and is seeking, college-trained black leaders in business, industry, government, the professions, and social welfare work. Our AMA colleges have been supplying such persons for over a hundred years.
- These colleges are educating students from poor families in far larger proportion than most other colleges are.
- These colleges are spending money in community services beyond their campuses.
- These colleges, for the most part, have been by-passed by philanthropy. Only a few have any sizable endowments.
- These colleges are among the nation's most important laboratories in human relations.

When your conference asks your participation in the $^{17}/_{76}$ Achievement Fund campaign, contribute generously. Much will depend on it!

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September 2, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Andante Cantabile Tartin

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Minister and Choi
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Come to us, O Lord, as we seek to come to thee in this place of prayer. In both word and music, lift our hearts and strengthen our wills that we may re-enter the world, confident that thou art with us. Amen.

* Hymn 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading 95 Psalm 100 P. 53
New Testament Reading Mark 6:2-1
The Anthem Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Elegie Peeters
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 346 "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls"
Sermon Professional Christians

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 421 "We Thank Thee, Lord"

* Benediction
* Choral Response — Threefold Amen
* Postlude — Rigadon — Compra
(Jane Danieley, student organist)

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley upon the occasion of their twenty-fifth Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY: 7:00 Senior High Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow morning.

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the Junior Classroom.

BOTH CHOIRS rehearse each week on Wednesday. The Junior Choir for 3-7 graders rehearses at 3:30 in the Choir Room. The Adult Choir rehearses at 7:30.

NEXT SUNDAY, all Church School classes will meet at 9:45 in the church sanctuary for a program of promotion. Parents of all young people are urged to attend.

PERSONS who wish to place flowers in the church during the next year are asked to call Mrs. Martin or Miss Mary Lee Foster.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 2, 1973**

Acts 16:16-24

When the church is preoccupied with bigness, it aims at attracting lots of people. But at other times it resolves to take the gospel seriously. When it does, it frees people and heals them. In its faithfulness to the gospel, however, it causes upheaval which frightens and angers folks. Authentic Christianity which does the business of Jesus often alienates public opinion and stands against the crowd. But the church, when it is faithful, may have to pay the price of prosperity or popularity.

THE INDUSTRIAL MISSION IS PEOPLE

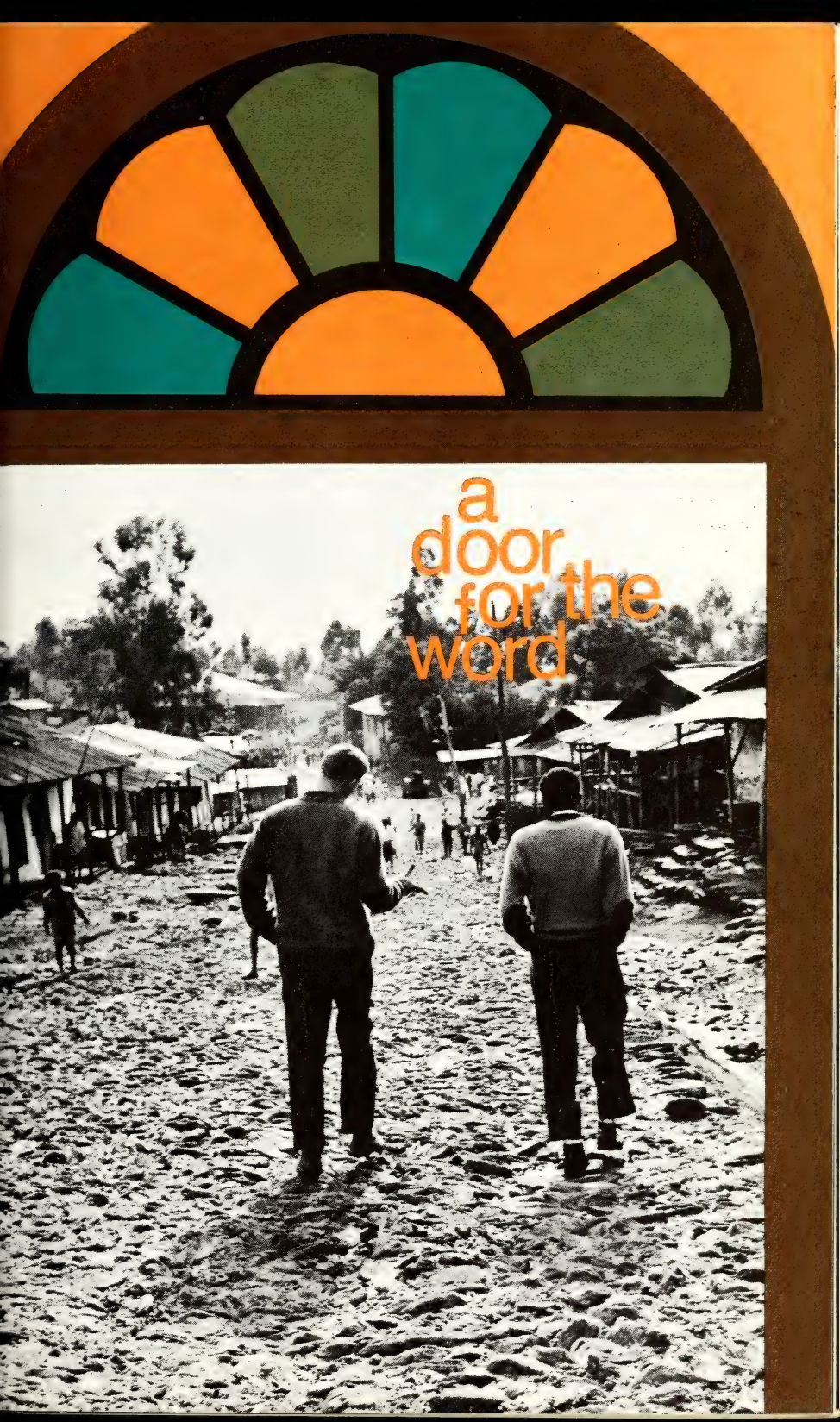
The Detroit Industrial Mission (DIM), long supported by our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and currently supported by the Michigan Conference is one of a half-dozen or so industrial mission agencies located in the major urban areas of the United States. DIM is not just an agency committed to social justice. It is people. DIM has been Michele interpreting to Detroit Edison managers the politics of busing; Jesse exploring with construction workers the dynamics of racism; Tom helping foremen to develop more satisfying jobs at Chrysler; and Bob examining with the president of Borg & Beck some alternative policies and debating the merits of a color-conscious versus a color-blind policy on hiring and promoting.

From their beginning, industrial missions have shared one common purpose: to be concerned with the issues of life and work for men and women in their vocational settings. They have asked how the policies of large corporations can be changed so that the human good of those who must work in them and of those who are affected by them is not denied but served. Thus, industrial missions have dealt with such issues as equal employment opportunity for all workers, black and white, male and female, blue collar and white collar.

The experience in Detroit and elsewhere has been that corporations can develop and implement policies which reduce racism and sexism, policies which can and do increase workers' creativity and satisfaction, policies which serve rather than deny human good. Through your giving to *Our Christian World Mission* you have been a part of this important ministry and mission.

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Nancy Boyd and Jane Alexander, Acolytes

September 9, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in D Minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O God of light, shine into our hearts. O God of goodness, deliver us from evil. O God of power, be our refuge and strength. O God of life, live in us now and forevermore. Amen.
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Reading Matthew 25:31-45
Epistle Reading Colossians 4:2-6
The Anthem O How Amiable Williams
(Dr. David Bragg, Director)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio Franck
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Ritual of Friendship
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 418 "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
Sermon Amateur Christians

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 375 "Lead On, O King Eternal"

* Benediction
* Choral Response — Threefold Amen
* Postlude — Fantasia in A Minor — Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Maude Sharpe Powell by the Family.

TODAY: 4:00 Senior High Youth
7:30 Finance Committee

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP General Meeting for all women of the church is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00.

THE CHOIRS meet on Wednesday:
3:30 Junior Choir for grades 3-7.
7:30 Adult Choir for high school age and older.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

WATCH FOR "Christian Education Sunday" on September 23. Teachers will be installed; carry-in dinner will follow at the MacFarland Building; "Kick-off" for the Building Finance Campaign will be held.

PROMOTION SUNDAY was held this morning in our Church School. The new semester begins next Sunday.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 9, 1973**

Colossians 4:2-6

The world is filled with closed doors. Lots of places where we would go are off-limits to us. The resistance is formidable, and we get weary of trying. The church, however, is called to trust that God will open doors for ministry. We stay at it not because we like being frustrated but because we have confidence in God. Opportunities do come. Risks can be taken. Compassion can be expressed. Doors open only occasionally. The issue is whether we will be aware of them and whether we will have courage to enter in powerful, effective ways. We believe God makes it possible for closed doors to become open doors for ministry.

OUR VARIED MINISTRIES IN EUROPE

We seldom think of the nations of modern Europe as beneficiaries of our mission giving, but surprisingly enough—and in some interesting ways—they are.

Most importantly, we are interacting with established European Churches in furthering the East-West exchange. In Germany, a United Church Board for World Ministries missionary continues invaluable liaison between the East and West Berlin churches. In France, ties with the French Reformed Church continue to deepen through experimental social and peace ministries which we help to support.

In Greece, the Foundation for Social Work, which we help to support, has had much influence on professional training and standards of social welfare throughout the entire country, and the Mani development project has won worldwide acclaim. In Italy, the Casa Mia Neighborhood House in Naples, operated by the Italian Service Mission in a slum community of 60,000 persons, has been a catalyst for cooperation within the tiny, fragmented Protestant community and with the Roman Catholic establishment. In Austria and Poland, in Greece and Spain, tiny Protestant minority churches receive encouragement and limited support.

Such varied ministries in Europe are made possible through your continued giving to *Our Christian World Mission,* of which they are a small but important part.

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WHEN I
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September 16, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Maestoso in D Major Mendelssoh

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lord
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O Lord our God, help us to live as growing Christians who believe and trust in the forgiveness of sins and the resurrection to life eternal; and strengthen in us this faith and hope all the days of our life. Amen
* Hymn 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts!"

THE LIVING WORD
Gospel Reading Matthew 28:16-2(
Epistle Reading I Corinthians 12:27-13:1
The Anthem O God of Light Darst

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amer

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Duet I Waited For The Lord
(Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Mrs. Maurine Gminder)
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Ritual of Friendship
Welcome
Children's Sermon
Hymn 489 "I Would Be True"
Sermon Anonymous Christians

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory To God in the Highest

* Postlude Antiphon in F Minor Young

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland of Circle 6. Greeters of the Day are E. W. Brafford and D. Marsh McLelland.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton in memory of their parents.

TODAY: 4:00 Jr. Hi Youth
6:00 Seekers' Class Supper in Parish House.
7:00 Sr. Hi Youth

THE CHOIRS meet on Wednesday:
3:30 Junior Choir for grades 3-7
7:30 Adult Choir for high school age and older.

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NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 a.m. Breakfast at McEwen for Bldg. Fund Com.
11:00 a.m. Installation of Church School Teachers
Reserved pews for Canvassers
12:30 p.m. Carry-in-dinner for the whole congregation in honor of Teaching Staff at MacFarland Building
Starting Today, Canvassers will solicit in our homes, seeking three-year pledges to the Building Program. $35,063 has already been pledged toward a goal of $100.000.



I GAVE UP CHILDISH WAYS

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 16, 1973**

I Corinthians 13

Becoming an adult is no easy matter. Most often it happens slowly. But there are those dramatic moments when we take leaps to adulthood. In those times we consciously give things up and dramatically embrace new ones: new ways of thinking, new ways of acting, new ways of caring and of trusting. Adulthood of a Christian kind is not in being strong or big or competent. More likely it is loving in deeper ways, caring in more effective ways, having courage to hope in the midst of anything that happens. We are invited to love in more adult ways. What kinds of growing up do you need to do?

LETTERS TO *"TIA MARIA"*

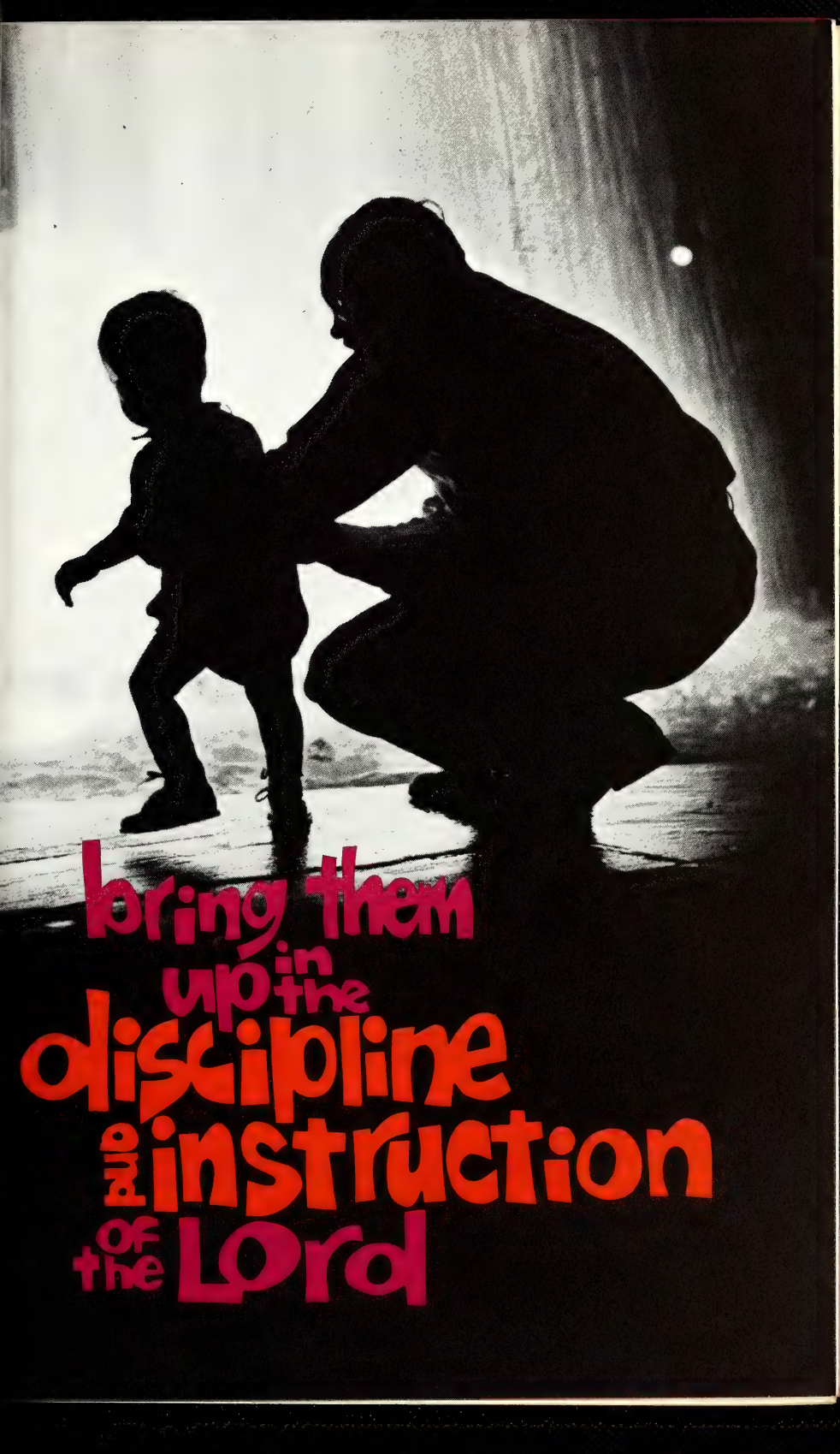
"Every Saturday we watch your program, 'David and Goliath,' on Channel 7," wrote Roberto Edgardo Claros, a seven-year-old boy. "It is very nice and most instructive." Monica Buech, a five-year-old, wrote, "O how I hope that you will continue bringing us good advice so that I can become a useful child in my home, in my school, and everywhere. Receive a thousand kisses!"

Such are the fan letters from the young audience which watches the "David and Goliath Show" on Honduran television. The mail is mostly addressed to the hostess, *Tia Maria* (Spanish for "Aunt Mary"), a Honduran pre-school teacher. The show is prepared by the Communications Service of the Association of Evangelical Institutions. This is a part of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras, to which we have been related since 1917.

"David and Goliath" is a new ministry to children in the Honduran television audience. North Americans will perhaps recall the "David and Goliath" cartoon characters which were created by the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches a number of years ago. The program's simple every-day plots help the children of Honduras to understand what the Christian Way has to do with their lives.

Rev. Gustav Kuether, missionary of our United Church Board for World Ministries, and his supervisor, Sr. Daniel Medina, a Honduran who serves as program director for the communications service, get a lot of fan mail as a result of this kind of creative radio and television programming. Your part in supporting their work justifies their passing on to you the words of appreciation from the Honduran children.

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and instruction
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September 23, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Lord of our lives, grant that we may understand more clearly your truth and your loving purpose for us. May we grow in grace and power that your will may be our will and your way our way. Amen
* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible God"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 42:1-5
New Testament Reading Romans 12
The Anthem Loving Shepherd of the Sheep
(Miss June M. Grubb, Director, Junior Choir)
Installation of Church School Teachers and Staff

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Aria Peeters
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World" (st. 1,3)
Sermon Committed

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 494 "We Would Be Building"
* Benediction

Choral Response Glory To God in the Highest
Postlude Fantasia in G Major Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. H. H. Cunningham of Circle 5. Greeters of the Day are R. H. Oxford and T. L. Smith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by the Reverend and Mrs. T. H. Mackintosh.

A CONGREGATIONAL DINNER in honor of our Church School staff follows our Morning Service today. Bring your family and food to MacFarland Building at 12:30. Beverage and table service will be provided by the Children's Home.

OUR SERVICE TODAY includes the installation of Church School officers, teachers, and assistant teachers.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH meet this evening at 7:00 at the Parish House. Please wear old clothes and bring your paint brush.

OUR "KICKOFF" for the Building Fund Campaign begins today. Canvassers will be visiting your home to receive three-year pledges toward our goal of $65,000.

HOSPITALIZED: Lewis Drumm is a patient at Duke Hospital.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets this evening at 7:00.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr., on September 14 and Miss Caroline Powell and Family upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Clara Lee on September 17.

discipline and instruction

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 23, 1973**

Ephesians 5:21–6:4

Most of us who are parents are not guilty of child beating. We don't beat our kids so as to injure them physically but we injure them in more powerful ways. Children become victims of the fears with which we are in daily combat. The gospel offers a "more excellent way" of nurturing children. It is to teach the delicacy of life and the preciousness of their own lives. It is experiencing the joy of honesty and the risk of caring. We are called not just to any old discipline or instruction but to a discipline which heals and to an instruction which liberates. We pledge ourselves to this kind of a "peculiar" notion in the education of children every time we celebrate baptism. We have wild dreams of who our children can become in the purposes of God.

EDUCATION IN BLACK CONGREGATIONS

Black congregations of six U. S. A. denominations will soon have a manual and some specialized resources for church education tailored to the needs and experience of the black constituency. This is one of 22 joint projects being developed through the Joint Educational Development (JED) program. The projects range from new designs for children's ministry to a national event for church educators.

JED is a venture. It is an experiment in church education which aims at expanding and enriching the options in regional and local church education.

JED is a process. It is a way for several different denominations to work together on common goals in education. It is not a separate organization with a purpose and staff of its own, but a covenant relationship between the boards and staffs of existing educational agencies. Together these persons work on tasks, pooling funds and personnel for projects which they wish to develop jointly. Each agency can choose the particular projects which it will support. At times, one agency or several agencies will carry a task on behalf of the others.

JED is a partnership. The JED process is open to all who wish to join in its work, either as a full partner or as a partner in particular projects. Education agencies of six denominations are now full partners – the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church in the U. S., the Reformed Church in America, the United Church of Christ, and the United Presbyterian Church.

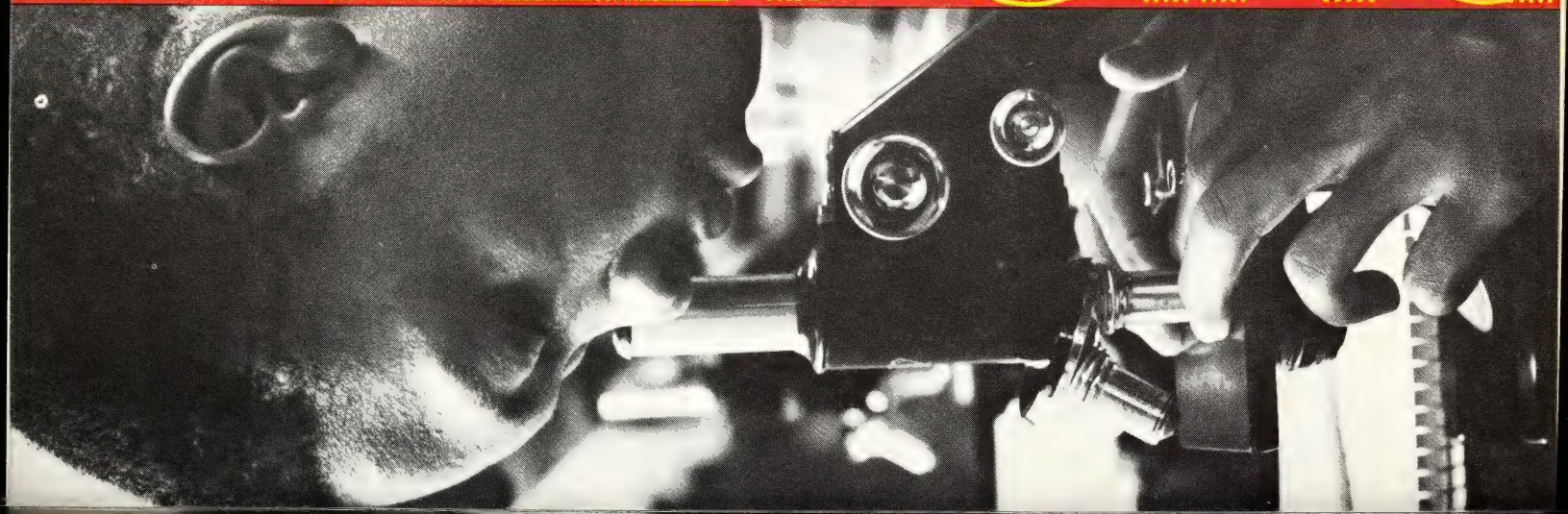
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Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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September 30, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Jesu Meine Freude Dupr

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
We need thee, O God. Grant us thy presence and keep our hearts in thy peace. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable in thy sight. Amen.

* Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 6:1-
The Statement of Faith
New Testament Reading John 4:1-2
The Anthem Praise Rowle
(Dr. David Bragg, Director)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amer

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Offertory II Van Hulse
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 328 "The Lord is Rich and Merciful"
Sermon In Spirit and Truth

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 411 "Lord God of Hosts"
* Benediction

* Congregational Response — The Doxology
* Postlude — Selected

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome the Youth Civitans and Civinettes of Western High School. Our Church Hostess is Mrs. E. T. Simons of Circle 5. Greeters of the Day are George Colclough and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Reverend and Mrs. J. L. Foster and James L. Foster, Jr. by Mary Lee Foster.

TODAY:
4:00 Acolytes
4:30 Jr. Hi Youth meet to go swimming
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Finance Committee

THE CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week:
Circle 1 on Monday morning with Mrs. Allen
Circle 2 on Monday morning with Mrs. Danieley
Circle 3 on Monday afternoon with Dr. Dawson
Circle 4 on Monday evening with Mrs. W. G. White
Circle 5 on Monday evening with Mrs. Cunningham
Circle 6 on Tuesday evening with Mrs. McLelland
Circle 7 on Tuesday evening with Mrs. Hamilton

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Polly Marino at Duke

47 PLEDGES in the amount of $39,549. have now been received for our Building Program.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning... The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday...A teacher training workshop for Sunday Church School teachers will be held from 2-8 p.m. next Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, Burlington.

DO NOT BE WEARY

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 30, 1973**

II Thessalonians 3:6-13

Values held by Americans champion busyness, work, and activity. The "Protestant work-ethic" is celebrated as well as criticized. But Christians have a better idea: not just any work but well-doing; not just any activity but healing, saving activity. The early church had a problem with people who wouldn't work because they expected the end of the world. Probably we have an opposite problem: we work like fools because we think the world will never end. Preoccupation with "making it," however, minimizes well-doing. Jesus wasn't concerned with "making it." He was concerned with doing his "father's work": healing, feeding, forgiving, liberating. That suggests a very different notion of work, one that is informed by the gospel.

LOVE, COMPASSION, AND DEDICATION MAKE FOR SUCCESS

Use a mixture of love, compassion, and dedication as the fuel, fire it with the spark of enthusiasm, and you have the secret which makes Hough House a beacon to people of all ages in one of the most seriously deprived neighborhoods in Greater Cleveland, Ohio. Founded by the Mennonites, Hough House sponsorship was transferred to three congregations of the United Church of Christ in 1967.

Today, a wide variety of programs meet the needs of all ages. Small children are aided in a pre-school nursery program. Teenagers are helped to adjust to the school and community environment through classes in Black History, a tutoring program, and social programs. Older persons share classes and discussions which contribute to their growth as whole persons: personal health, community development, home management, and crafts. Hough House, a beehive of activity throughout the year, is one instance of local church people working together to support their neighbors in need. Ever community has such needs which local people must meet.

Beyond what you can do in your local community, there are neighbors whose needs can only be served through the various programs which are administered by our United Church of Christ Commission for Racial Justice, the recipient of our denomination's annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering which is normally scheduled for the first Sunday of October. Let your gifts to this offering represent your response to the needs of neighbors elsewhere in the land.

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October 7, 1973 11:00 a.

PRELUDE When in the Hour of Deepest Need Ba

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Unison Prayer
Lord, come dwell within us. While on earth we tarry, make us thy blessed sanctuary. Unto us draw nearer and reveal thyself still clearer. Where we are, near or far, let us see thy power every day and hour. Amen

*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 5:27-
* Gloria Patri
THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Amen
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us pray:
MEDITATION Three Kinds of Meals

THE OFFERING
Offertory Bread of the World in Mercy Broken Har
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
ANTHEM Jesu, Word of God Incarnate Moza

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 4
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements

* Thanksgiving (in unison) Hymnal, P. 496
*HYMN 402 "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
POSTLUDE Selected

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter by Miss Marjorie Hunter, Mrs. Dorothy Walker, and Richard Hunter.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Polly Marino at Duke and Mrs. Betty Stegall at Memorial.

103 PLEDGES in the amount of $60,950. have now been received toward our building program.

THIS WEEK: The Senior Hi Youth do not meet this evening...The Board of Deacons meets at 7:30... The Stewardship and Missionary Education Committee meets Monday evening at 7:30...The Christian Education Committee meets Tuesday evening at 7:00... The congregation is invited to attend the Association Meeting Tuesday evening and Wednesday at Shallow Ford...The Confirmation Class meets Saturday morning at 10:00.

CONGRATULATIONS to Ralph Thomas Sherrill and Ruth Schmidt Holley whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. Mark McAdams upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Zeb V. Strader of Greensboro and to the Family upon the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Emerson.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 7, 1973**

II Corinthians 8:1-9

How much or how little we share with others doesn't depend on how much we have. It depends on how grateful we are, or on how fearful we are. Frightened people feel they can't afford to give much. Affluent America has historically been generous, but as we have become more affluent we have become more fearful and less generous. The more we have, the more we seem to need to defend and to protect it. The Holy Communion we celebrate today suggests another way. That meal itself is a gift. It tells of God's supreme giving. It invites us to share in giving. We have no reason to fear. We are free enough to be generous.

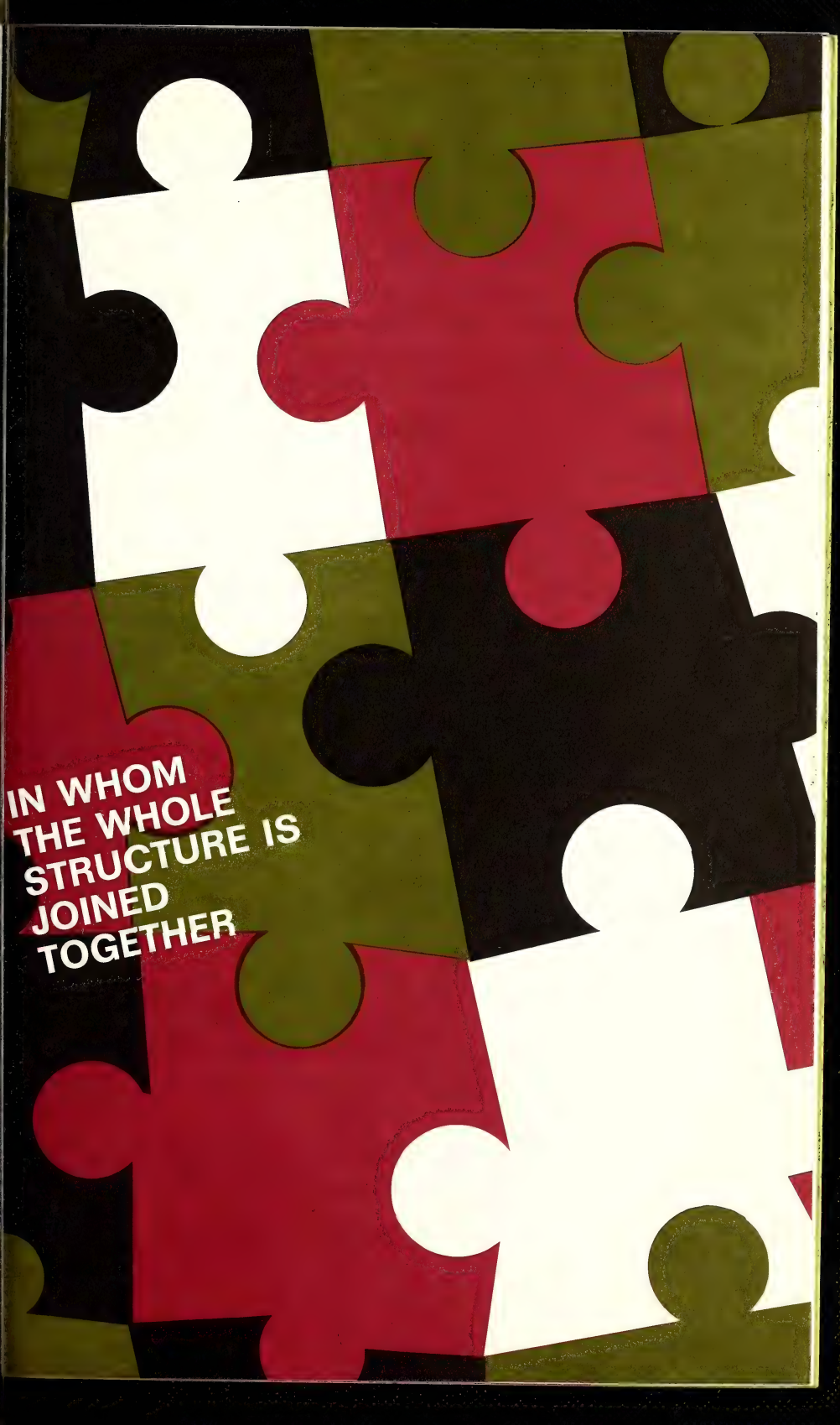
"MY APPRECIATION WILL ENDURE . . ."

Every so often, one gets a letter which deserves to be framed. One such letter came recently to Mrs. Toni Killings, director of the special higher education program of Commission for Racial Justice. "Dear Mrs. Killings," it read. "You have provided the encouragement, the sacrifices, and the helpful guidance to make my graduation possible. My appreciation will endure through all the years to come." The writer, a boy whom we shall call Steve, exemplifies the kind of help which you make possible to young black and other minority students when you give to the annual Neighbors in Need all-church offering.

Steve had been a poor student in high school. With his grades in the D's and F's, Steve just didn't seem to be college material. He hadn't really thought seriously about college until his senior year. His mother expected him to go out and get a job. Steve's chances of being accepted and then surviving in college, his guidance counselor advised him, were slim indeed.

But Steve somehow heard about the special higher education program of the Commission for Racial Justice. He called CRJ, obtained the recommendation from his local pastor, and was, with CRJ's help, accepted by a nearby college. By getting special tutoring in college skills, Steve developed his ability to study and to learn. Now he has graduated from college with "honors," and has gone on to graduate school. Already Steve has begun to repay the faith and trust placed in him by CRJ. Steve has been working with young people, telling them that what he has been able to do, perhaps they can. With your help, perhaps they will!

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Joe Gminder and Nathan Gminder, Acolytes

October 14, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Gloria in Excelsis Gounod

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Our Father, we have chosen this day whom we will serve; we will serve and worship thee. Grant us a sense of thy presence and teach us to worship thee in spirit and in truth. Amen.
* Hymn 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Ephesians 2:11-22; 5:1-20
The Sacrament of Baptism
* The Statement of Faith
The Anthem All Beautiful the March of Days Williams

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem In Christ There Is No East or West
Junior Choir
* Cong. Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 272 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" (st. 1-3)
Sermon Attempting To Redeem The Time

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 400 "More Love To Thee, O Christ"
* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Postlude Agincourt Hymn

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Marsha Lankford by the J. W. Griswold Family.

THE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism is administered today to Barbara Susanna Parrett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Parrett and grand-daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Barnes.

THE SENIOR HI YOUTH meet this evening at 7:00 in the Parish House.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES meets this evening at 7:30 in the Hunter Room.

110 PLEDGES in the amount of $62,893. have now been received toward our Building Program.

THE ELON COLLEGE Board of Trustees invites you to a reception honoring Dr. James Fred Young, seventh President of Elon College, on Wednesday evening from seven to nine-thirty at the Iris Holt McEwen Library.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due in the secretary's office tomorrow morning.



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 14, 1973**

Ephesians 2:11-22

Every group has a life of its own, so does every family, so does every schoolroom. Often the whole unit depends upon the crucial functioning of one person. Take that person out and the whole business collapses. People become confused and things are disordered. That is what happened on Good Friday. When Jesus was killed, the whole world became dark and chaotic. So it is in the life of the church. When the church is truly a church, Jesus is at the core of its life. Everything—power, purpose, hope—all flows from him and back to him. He gives shape to its life. When the church is ordered on some other basis, it has no way of holding together.

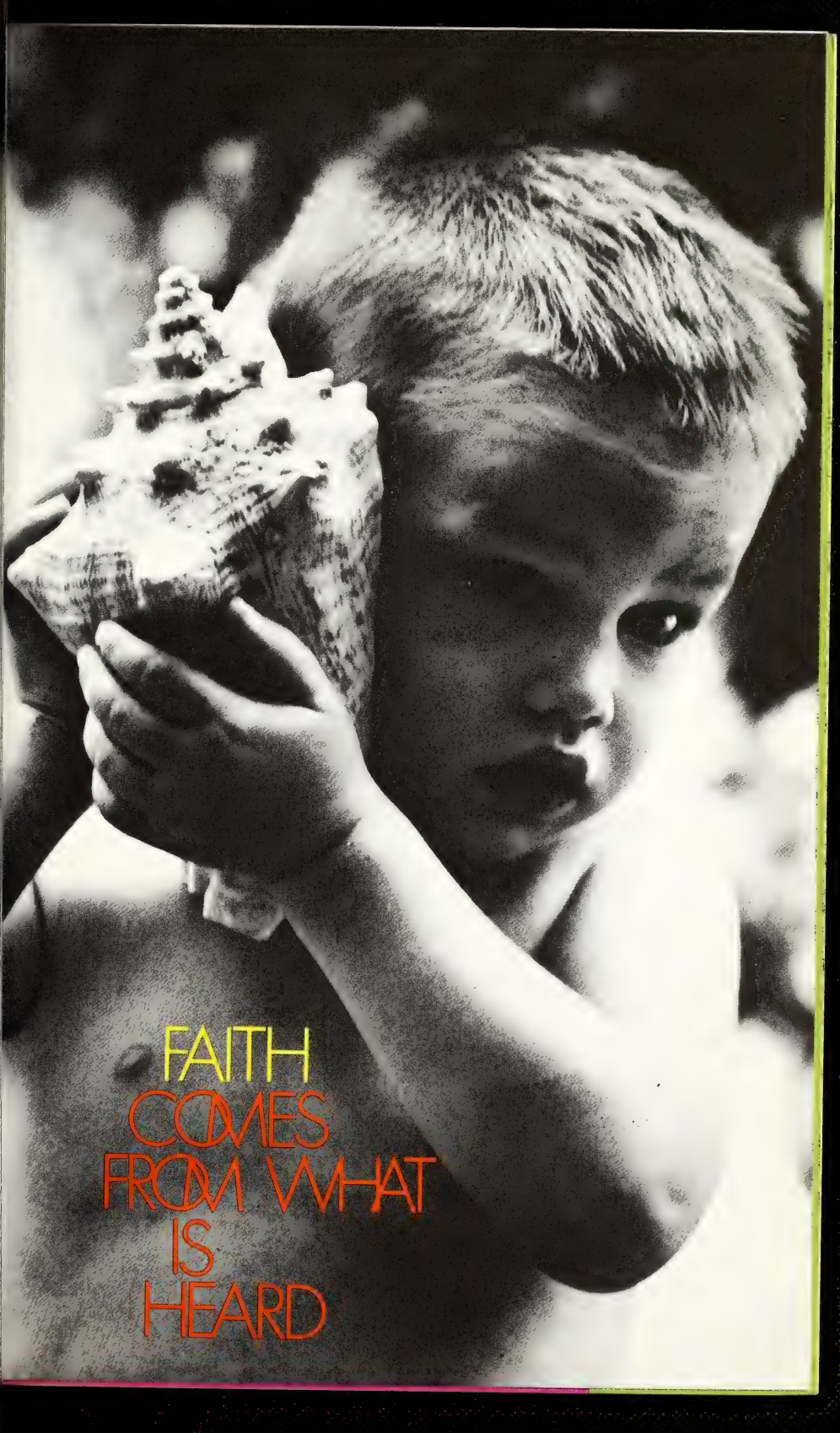
"CHRIST IS OUR BEANS"

Christ is often spoken of as the "bread" of life. But in at least one congregation of the United Church of Christ, the First Spanish United Church on Chicago's northwest side, the pastor seeks to better communicate his meaning to his people by saying Christ is our "beans," for beans, not bread, is the staple food of his people. With the help of the Community Renewal Society, the ecumenical mission arm of the Chicago Metropolitan Association of the United Church of Christ, and a building loan from our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, the *Primera Iglesia Hispana Unida de Christo,* as local Spanish-speaking residents know it, has undertaken a vital, forward-looking program. This church recognizes and nourishes hope in its young people but does not forget the older people who are struggling to survive in a new land. It seeks to foster a unity in its diversity and acts as an agent of active reconciliation in the community.

Each year, a Latin American Music Festival is sponsored by the church. A seven-week summer program, led by the pastor and manned by Neighborhood Youth Corps youngsters whom he trained, is an example of the church at work in the community. The church works with a Cuban Refugee Program and sponsors English courses taught by certified teachers. Undergirding these activities are the more ordinary aspects of church life and program.

In the years of work and struggle to become a church in the fullest sense, the members of the congregation have grown closer to one another and to their pastor who, by his daring and by his caring, has earned the authority to preach to his congregation about a new life, a new conscience, and a new way. The First Spanish United Church of Christ in Chicago stands as a witness to the new viability of the urban church in our times.

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October 21, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Maestoso in G Major Hande

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living Go
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Lo, God is here as silent as the night.
Lo, God, we come seeking truth and light.
Hearts and voices raising prayers in unity,
Lo, God, we come to worship thee. Amen
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Romans 10:1-17 (NEB
* The Statement of Faith
The Anthem With a Voice of Singing Sha

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 456 "All Beautiful the March of Days"
Sermon God's Odd Events

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
* Benediction

* Congregational Response — The Doxology
* Postlude — Selected

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. T. A. Boland of Circle 3. Greeters of the Day are Robert Baxter and Philip R. Mann.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Tapscott and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Sr. by Mrs. Grace Allen, Mrs. Ruth Randolph, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Marino, Jr. and Family.

TODAY: 4:00 Jr. Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth

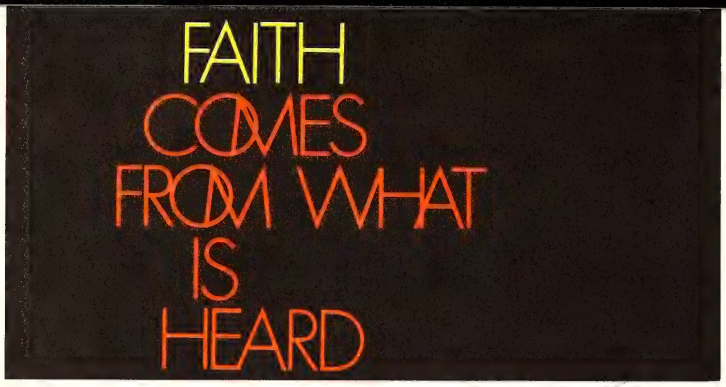
THE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY begins Wednesday morning at 9:30, using the booklet The New Me as a study guide.

THURSDAY EVENING, Cub Pack 55 will meet at 7:00 in the Parish House and the Area Men's Fellowship will have a 7:00 supper meeting at Providence Church, Graham.

113 PLEDGES in the amount of $63,320 have now been received toward our Building Program.

CONGRATULATIONS to Captain and Mrs. Frank Purdy and Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Lankford upon the birth of Brian Carter Purdy on October 17.

THIS SATURDAY 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Rent-A-Kid (Senior Hi Youth) Let us know the type of work, how many people you need and the hours to come. Call the church office (584-0391) or Miss Grubb (584-0933).



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 21, 1973**

Romans 10:11-17

The media scream at us, everybody pushes a product. What we hear persistently determines what we believe and how we act. Faith also comes from what is heard. How, then, are we to listen? To be faithful means to develop screening equipment, to learn what we should listen to carefully and also to learn what we should not listen to at all. We are called to screen out the voices which make false promises and which urge small visions. We are called to screen in the weightier matters of justice and righteousness. To what, and to whom, do you listen?

"THE WORDS YOU HAVE SPOKEN ARE GOOD . . ."

When the Reverend Jacob Hauser visited the Winnebago Indian tribe in Wisconsin in 1878, it took the tribe three days to decide to allow him to stay. Then Chief Hawk spoke. "The words you have spoken are good," he said. "We also believe in 'Maura' (Earthmaker). We love our children. It will make us glad to see them well taught. We are glad you have come." Within a week, a log house was built for use as a school. It was twenty years before the first Winnebago became a Christian. Today, the heritage of the early missionaries is still remembered in the Winnebago Indian Mission, a congregation of the United Church of Christ. It is still a small congregation and is receiving effective leadership from the Indians themselves.

These Winnebagos are the smallest group represented in our United Church of Christ Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), but their concerns are not unique. Cut off from the main body of their tribe which was forced to move to Nebraska, the Winnebagos in Wisconsin are concerned about improving economic opportunities for their community; they are troubled by the fact that young people have lost their roots and their traditions; and they look forward to the improvement of the whole person—in education, in physical health, in spiritual growth.

By your observance of American Indian Sunday on November 18th or on some other suitable occasion, your congregation can help the Council for American Indian Ministry, and through it the Winnebago people of Wisconsin. By so doing, your deeds will help to fulfill Chief Hawk's words of nearly a century ago: "The words you have spoken are good."

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TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD



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October 28, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE With Glad Hearts We Come Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Lord of Harvest
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Our God and Father, we are gathered together in this Service to give thanks to you for your goodness and to receive your grace. Lift our eyes and our hearts that we may discern behind all things temporal those things which are eternal. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen
* Hymn 372 "How Firm a Foundation" (st. 1-4)
THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Readings
The Promise to Jacob Genesis 35:9-15
Joseph's First Dream Genesis 37:1-11
The Statement of Faith
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison) Choral Response
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Offertory No. 2 Van Hulse
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
THE MESSAGE A Trouble-maker Gets Into Trouble
* Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"
THE CANTATA
"Joseph And The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"
(You are invited to follow the choral text as printed in the bulletin insert.)

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 380 "March On, O Soul With Strength"(st.1-3)
* Benediction
* Choral Response Spirit of the Living God
* Postlude As Now in Olden Times Scheidt

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Marshall W. Hook and Gerald E. Hook by the Families.

TODAY:
4:00 Acolytes
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

WORLD COMMUNITY DAY SERVICE will be held November 2 at 10:00 a.m. at the Front St. (Disciples) Church.

THE ADULT BIBLE CLASS is sponsoring a covered-dish dinner on Friday evening at 5:30 in the Parish House in honor of Mr. A. L. Rich's 90th birthday. You are invited.

115 PLEDGES in the amount of $63,545 have now been received toward our Building Program.

NEXT SUNDAY: Coffee House/Talent Night for UNICEF, sponsored by our Senior High Youth, will be held in the Parish House from 7-10 p.m. This is open to the congregation and community. Cost of admission will be 50¢, all receipts going to UNICEF. Come when you can, leave when you must.

THANKS TO the Lower Junior Class and the Junior Choir for assisting in our Worship Service today.

TEST THE SPIRITS TO SEE WHETHER THEY ARE OF GOD

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 28, 1973**

I John 4:1-12

It's always been that way. The world is filled with competing loyalties and each is out to claim our faith. Country, race, the economic system, class, self—all make such claims upon us. There is always enough truth in their claims to deceive us. We are therefore invited to test each one by the standards of the gospel. We must always ask if our highest loyalties unite or divide people, if they free or enslave, if they heal or destroy. It is one thing to trust the claims around us, but we must not be naive. We are warned to make our commitments carefully, for there are those, other than God, who want our loyalties.

A BIBLE FOR ALL CHURCHES

Biblical scholarship has long transcended the divisions which mark the church. The Rheims New Testament (1582), first English translation by and for Roman Catholics, was consulted by the translators who produced the King James version for Protestants. Two of the earliest and best Biblical manuscripts, consulted now by all translators—Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox—are the Codex Vaticanus, in the Vatican Library, and the Codex Alexandrinus, which was given to the West by Cyril Lucar, Greek Orthodox patriarch of Alexandria and Constantinople.

More recently, in 1970, four Protestant translators helped to produce the New American Bible sponsored by the Roman Catholic Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Eight Roman Catholic scholars are now members of the Revised Standard Version Bible Committee, which has authorized a second edition of the RSV New Testament. Now, finally published this year is the RSV Common Bible, which includes the Scriptures considered canonical by Protestants, Greek Orthodox, and Roman Catholics.

It is no longer possible to quip that the churches are divided though they possess one Bible. Church bodies which differ on the dates for Christmas and Easter, on theories of the ministry, and on the number of sacraments, now agree on a single translation in the RSV Common Bible. This is truly a great moment in the history of the church!

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JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT

Music by Andrew Lloyd Webber Words by Tim Rice

Musical Director
June Grubb

Costumes by
Mrs. Chafee & Parents

Pantomime Directors
Betty Blanchard
Barbara Byers
Rita Snyder
Emily Alexander

Instrumentalists
Jane Danieley, piano
Malvin Artley, Jr., guitar
Warren Berry, bass
Nathan Artley, drums

CAST (in order of appearance)

Jacob - Gray Lackey
Reuben - Scott Carrington
Simeon - Tommy Burns
Levi - Orlando Houston
Naphtali - Jim Bunch
Issachar - Jimmy Bowyer
Asher - Tony Presgraves
Dan - Randy Costner
Zebulun - Robert Knight
Gad - Allen Young
Benjamin - Janet Wysong
Judah - Jonathan Blake
Joseph - Frank Chafee
Ishmaelites - Orlando Houston
Tommy Burns
Pharaoh - Robert Knight
Slaves - Gray Lackey
Allen Young

CHOIR

Carol Knight
Brenda Costner
Lori Bowyer
Melanie Artley
Edrianna Updyke
Sharon Rinker
Luci Atkinson
Beth Barbee
Bert Barbee
Jim Byers
David Byers
Daniel Hamilton
Jeff Price
Greg Price
Billy Blanchard

1. JACOB AND SONS

Way, way back many centuries ago,
not long after the bible began,
Jacob lived in the land of Canaan,
a fine example of a family man.
Jacob, Jacob and sons depended on
farming to earn their keep,
Jacob, Jacob and sons spent all the day
in the fields with sheep.

Reuben was the eldest of the children of Isreal,
with Simeon and Levi the next in line,
Naphtali and Issachar with Asher and Dan,
Zebulun and Gad took the total to nine.
Jacob, Jacob and sons, Benjamin and Judah
which leaves only one,
Jacob, Jacob and sons,
Joseph who was Jacob's favourite son.
Jacob, Jacob, Jacob and sons.

2. JOSEPH'S COAT

Joseph, he was Jacob's fav'rite son,
of all the family Joseph was the special one,
So Jacob bought his son a coat,
a multi coloured coat to wear.
Joseph's coat was elegant, the cut was fine,
The tasteful style was the ultimate in good design,
And this is why it caught the eye;
A king would stop and stare.
And when Joseph tried it on he knew his
sheep-skin days were gone,
Such a dazzling coat of many colours,
How he loved his coat of many colours
In a class above the rest,
It even went well with his vest,
Such a stunning coat of many colours,
How he loved his coat of many colours,
It was red and yellow and green and brown and blue.

Joseph's brothers weren't too pleased with what they
saw, They had never liked him all that much before,
And now this coat had got their goat,
They felt life was unfair.
And when Joseph graced the scene his brothers
turned a shade of green,
His astounding clothing took the biscuit,
Quite the smoothest person in the district,
He looked handsome, he looked smart,
He was a walking work of art,
Such a dazzling coat of many colours
How he loved his coat of many colours,
It was red and yellow and green and brown,
And scarlet and black and ochre and peach,
And ruby and olive and violet and fawn,
And lilac and gold and chocolate and mauve,
And cream and crimson and silver and rose,
And azure and lemon and russet and grey,
And purple and white and pink and orange and blue.

3. JOSEPH'S DREAMS

Joseph's coat annoyed his brothers
but what made them mad
Were the things that Joseph told them
of the dreams he'd often had.

'I dreamt that in the fields one day;
at corn collecting time,
Your eleven sheaves of corn all turned and bowed
to mine,
And then I saw eleven stars, the sun and moon and sky,
Bowing down before my star, it made me wonder why.'

The dreams were more than crystal clear,
The writing on the wall
Meant that Joseph someday soon would rise above them all
The accuracy of the dreams
The brothers did not know,
But one thing they were sure about,
The dreamer had to go.

4. POOR, POOR JOSEPH

Next day far from the home, the brothers planned
the repulsive crime,
Let us grab him now, and do him in while we've
got the time.
This they did and made the most of it,
Stole his coat and flung him in a pit.

'Let us leave him here,' the brothers said
'and he's bound to die!
When some Ishmaelites, a hairy crew came riding by.
In a flash the brothers changed their plan.
'We need cash let's sell him if we can.'

Poor, poor Joseph, what'cha gonna do?
Things look bad for you, hey,
What'cha gonna do?

'Could you use a slave?' the brothers said
to the Ishmaelites.
Young, strong, well behaved,
going cheap, and he reads and writes.'
In a trice the dirty deal was done,
Silver coins for Jacob's fav'rite son.

So the Ishmaelites gallopped off with a slave in tow,
Rode to Egypt where Joseph was not keen to go.
He was right they put him up for sale;
In the end they threw him into jail.

Poor, poor Joseph locked up in a cell,
Things aren't going well, hey locked up in a cell.

5. CLOSE EVERY DOOR TO ME

Close ev'ry door to me, hide all the world from me,
Bar all my windows and shut out the light.
Do what you want to me, hate me and laugh at me,
Darken my daytime and torture my night.
If my life were important I would ask will I live or die
But I know the answers lie far from this world.

Close ev'ry door to me, keep those I love from me,
Children of Israel are never alone.
For I know I shall find my own peace of mind,
For I have been promised a land of my own.

6. POOR, POOR PHARAOH

Meanwhile, in his bed, Pharaoh had an uneasy night.
He had had a dream that pinned him to his sheets with fright.
No one knew the meaning of the dream.
What to do? Whatever could it mean?
Then some lively lad said he knew of a bloke in jail
Who was hot on dreams and could explain old Pharaoh's tale.
Pharaoh said, Fetch this Joseph man,
I need him to help me if he can.

Poor, poor Pharaoh, what'cha gonna do?
Dreams are haunting you hey, what'cha gonna do?

7. JOSEPH BEFORE THE KING

Chained and bound, afraid alone,
Joseph stood before the throne.
My service to Pharaoh has begun,
"Tell me your problems, mighty one."

8. SONG OF THE KING

I was wandering along the banks of the river,
When seven fat cows came out of the Nile,
And right behind these fine, healthy animals
Came seven other cows that were skinny and vile,
The thin cows ate the fat cows which I thought would do them good,
But it didn't make them fatter like such a monster supper should.
The thin cows were as thin as they had ever, ever been.

This dream has got me baffled, hey,
Joseph what does it mean?

Hey, Joseph, won't you tell poor old Pharaoh
What does it mean?

9. PHARAOH'S NUMBER TWO

Seven years of bumper crops and endless food are on the way,
Ev'ry thing you plant will grow from avocado pears to hay.
After that a ghastly time when food supplies will quickly fall,
Seven years of famine when your crops will hardly grow at all.
Pharaoh thought, 'Well bless my soul,
this Joseph is a clever kid
Who'd had thought those fourteen cows
could mean the things he said they did?
Joseph you must help me further,
I have got a job for you,
You shall lead us through this crisis,
you shall be my number two.'

Joseph, Joseph, Pharaoh's number two.
Joseph, Joseph, Egypt looks to you.

Seven summers on the dot were perfect just as Joseph said.
Joseph saw that food was gathered
ready for the years ahead
Seven years of famine followed,
Egypt did not mind a bit,
The first recorded rationing in history was a hit.

10. MEANWHILE, BACK IN CANAAN

Back in Canaan the future looked rough,
Jacob's fam'ly were finding it tough,
For the famine had caught them all unprepared,
They were thin, they were ill,
they were getting scared.

In the end they decided to go
Off to Egypt to see brother Joe.

So they all lay before Joseph's feet
'Mighty prince, give us something to eat.
Joseph found it a strain not to laugh
because not a brother among them knew who he was.
I shall now take them all for a ride
After all they had tried fratricide.

Joseph handed them sack loads of food
And they grovelled with base gratitude,
Then unseen Joseph nipped out around the back
And planted a cup in young Benjamin's sack.
When the brothers were ready to go
Joseph turned to them all with a terrible stare
and said No.

11. WHO'S THE THIEF?

Joseph started searching through his brother's sacks
Everyone was nervous, no-one could relax.
Who's the thief? Is it Reuben? Is it Simeon?
Is it Naphtali? Is it Dan? Is it Asher?
Is it Issachar? Is it Levi? Who's the man?
Is it Zebulun? Is it Gad? Is it Judah?
Is it him? Could it be, Could it possibly
be Benjamin?
Ev'ry brother cried 'How can this be true?'
Ev'ryone was keen to clear the youngest
brother's name,
Benjamin's a child, honest through and through
Punish us instead of him, For we are guilty,
we're the ones to blame.'

12. JOSEPH ALL THE TIME

And Joseph knew by this his brothers now were
honest men.
The time had come at last to reunite them all again.
'Can't you recognize my face, is it hard to see
That Joseph whom you thought was dead,
your brother is me?'

Joseph, Joseph, is it really true?
Joseph, Joseph, is it really you?

13. JACOB IN EGYPT

So Jacob came to Egypt, no longer feeling old,
And Joseph came to meet him in his chariot of gold.

14. ANY DREAM WILL DO

I closed my eyes, drew back the curtain,
To see for certain what I thought I knew.
Far, far away someone was weeping,
But the world was sleeping,
Any dream will do.

I wore my coat with golden lining,
Bright colours shining, Wonderful and new.
And in the east the dawn was breaking,
The world was waking,
Any dream will do.

A crash of drums, a flash of light,
My golden cloak flew out of sight,
The colours faded into darkness
I was left alone.

May I return to the beginning,
The light is dimming and the dream is too.
The world and I we are still waiting,
Still hesitating,
Any dream will do.

Give me my coloured coat,
my amazing coloured coat,
Give me my coloured coat,
my amazing coloured coat.

THE END


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LOVE

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November 4, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE I Will Sing Thee Songs of Gladness Dvorak

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Romans 12:1,2
Choral Introit Lord of Harvest
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Touch our souls, O God, that in every capacity of our being we may be quickened - our minds to know you, our hearts to love you, and our wills to serve you. Amen.
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" (st. 1-3)

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Galatians 6:1-10
* The Statement of Faith
The Anthem Come, O Thou God of Grace Ford

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory God is My Shepherd Dvorak
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God!"
Sermon "It is imperative that we talk directly about the importance of this institution as a community of faith."

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 316 "God of Earth and Sea" Tune No. 13

* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Postlude Fantasia in G Minor Young

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. E. S. Lankford of Circle 1. Greeters of the Day are T. L. Smith and E. W. Brafford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schmidt in memory of his mother, Mrs. Maria Van Volkon.

TONIGHT, the Coffee House/Talent Show will be held from 7 to 10 in the Parish House. The evening will include skits, piano solos, dancing, singing, and a live combo. The 50¢ admission will be given to UNICEF. Come when you can; leave when you must.

CIRCLES meet this week as announced in "The Torch", except that Circle 5 meets with Mrs. Bost.

WEDNESDAY The Women's Bible Study meets at 9:30... Junior Choir rehearses at 3:30...and the Adult Choir at 7:30.

PLEDGE CARDS for the 1974 Church budget are available in the narthex. You are asked to submit your pledge before November 18. Those who prefer may have canvassers call on that day. Men and women who can help with the canvass are asked to "sign-up" on the bulletin board.



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 4, 1973**

Ephesians 3:14-21

Sagebrush and cactus grow in desolate areas. You couldn't expect much else. It takes rich soil and lots of water to grow a graceful willow, and nobody would expect willow where only a cactus would grow. Out of what kind of "soil" do you grow? Some persons are rooted in God's love, a soil which produces a proper growth. Others are rooted in other kinds of soil, of hatred or fear or anger. Such soils sometimes may grow impressive-looking plants, but such rootage prevents the wholeness and fullness of life which God promised to us.

WE HELPED IN BANGLADESH

Jagabandhu Kharaty, a village schoolteacher in the Kuriana area which lies in the western half of the new nation of Bangladesh, remembers vividly the events of 1971 which hit his village. The Kuriana area is predominantly Hindu and was a primary target of the Pakistani army. Jagabandhu recalls the long walk to Calcutta and the safety of a refugee camp. "It was hard and very difficult," he says. "We walked the whole way. The 200-mile journey took our family more than a week, dodging the army and trying to find food to keep us going."

In January 1972 Jagabandhu Kharaty and his family arrived home. Their village was in ruins. The crops were gone. The people of the village had few resources. Jagabandhu helped to draw up the list of needs: housing, rice seed, cattle.

Through the Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Service, more than $200,000 has been spent among the people of the Kuriana area. To visit the area today is to meet cheerful people living in new houses which were built in the traditional style, using locally purchased materials. Each house cost about $43 to erect. The rice which the villagers planted has now been harvested. The guava grove has been restored. There is even talk of a sales cooperative and a guava-jelly factory.

All this was made possible because church people in the U. S. A. and elsewhere around the world cared. We in the United Church of Christ cared, and we contributed almost $150,000 to help the people of Bangladesh. Whenever relief and rehabilitation aid is needed, the United Church Board for World Ministries is prepared to respond, limited only by the generosity of our members who give to *Our Christian World Mission.*

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Vhat
hall I render to the Lord
or all his bounty to me?

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November 11, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Out of the Depths Have I Cried Unto Thee Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Romans 1:16,17
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Almighty God, you have made us one in our searching for your presence, one in our yearning for strength beyond ourselves, one in our quest for Christ-like living. So make us one in our worship.
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 3 "God Himself is With Us"

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Matthew 14:22-33
* The Statement of Faith
The Anthem Be Not Silent Unto Us, O God Pergolesi

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Merciful God, We Bow Before Thee Bach
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
Sermon "The world is all too full of people who ask for tasks equal to their powers, not powers equal to their tasks. God awaits our asking for that power."

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
* Postlude Selected

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PLEDGE CARDS for the 1974 Church budget are available in the narthex. You are asked to submit your pledge before November 18. Those who prefer may have canvassers call on that day. Men and women who can help with the canvass are asked to "sign-up" on the bulletin board. The canvassers will meet this evening at 7:00 in the Hunter Room.

THIS WEEK: Senior Highs meet this evening at 7:00. Please wear old clothes and sneakers...The Christian Education Committee meets Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. with Miss Grubb...On Wednesday, the Bible Study is at 9:30; Junior Choir is at 3:30 and Adult Choir at 7:30... Thursday, Dr. James King West will give a lecture on "The Meaning of the Dead Sea Scrolls" at 7:30 in the Little Theater of Elon College...Saturday, from 9:00 to 4:00 "Rent-A-Kid".

HOSPITALIZED: Phil Marino at Memorial.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

What shall I render to the Lord?

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 11, 1973

Psalm 116

Strange things happen to us. We experience new forms of freedom and healing for which there seems to be no explanation. Life brings renewing surprises, and we credit them to the Lord. We could explain them in other ways, but he is the source of our lives. How, then, do we react when our lives are changed so powerfully? We are left feeling grateful, and we give our gratitude visibility. We can name the name of the Lord unashamedly. We can tell, and we can give, never as an obligation, but as a happy, gracious action. Thankful, ungrudging generosity becomes our way of life when we have been surprised by God's gracious gifts to us.

TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN

The Gospel of Luke puts it plainly: "Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required" (Luke 12:48). The affluence of Americans is a matter of record and of note all around the world today. Look, then, at this contrast.

The Rev. Dan Leavitt, for many years a pastor in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and now serving as a missionary in Mt. Silinda, Rhodesia, writes about one church service he attended recently in Serere, Africa. Attending the service in the little mud church which had a corrugated tin roof and a dirt floor were thirteen adults and a dozen children ranging in age from three to twelve years.

"When it came time to take the offering," he writes, "a twelve-year-old girl knelt in front of each person with an open hymnal in her hands. Each person laid a coin or two on it. When she came to me, I perceived that there was nothing but pennies! The poverty is pervasive and extreme, but the people carry it with dignity. Jesus spent more time talking with the Serere type people than with American suburban types."

As you consider how you will commit your support to the work of the church in the year ahead, consider the truth of Jesus' words: "Everyone to whom much is given, of him will much be required."

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November 18, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Honor To God For His Blessings Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Galatians 5:22, 23, 25
Choral Introit We Gather Together
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O Thou Giver of all that we have, accept our gratitude for your blessings. Guide us to do your will as we see it in your Son. Discipline us that we may bear fruit and may extend your kingdom in all the world.
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"
THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Readings Psalms 46, 150
* The Statement of Faith
The Anthem Now Thank We All Our God arr. Ehret
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Thanks Be To God Handel
* The Doxology and Litany of Dedication
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 460 We Plow the Fields and Scatter
Sermon "Thanks be to God for him who defined our destiny, made clear our responsibility..."
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

A LITANY OF DEDICATION

Pastor: O God, we thank thee for blessings so constant that too often we take them for granted. For all the things for which we have never given thanks to thee,

PEOPLE: O LORD, WE NOW HUMBLY OFFER OUR THANKSGIVING.

Pastor: For common things of earth which sustain our bodies in health and strength,

PEOPLE: WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

Pastor: For invisible things of heaven and earth which enrich life with beauty and grace,

PEOPLE: WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

Pastor: For things of the spirit which disclose to us the beauty of thy holiness,

PEOPLE: WE GIVE THEE THANKS.

Pastor: Though there be no end to thy gifts,

PEOPLE: HELP US TO REMEMBER THEM AS THEY ARE REVEALED TO US DAY BY DAY.

Pastor: O God, if we thank thee for food, the shelter of house and the warmth of clothing, for daily work and thoughtful friends, and reasonable margins of security and comfort, and yet have no anguish in our ease that even now other children of thine are helpless and hopeless, then give us thy blessing of caring even as we learn the tender grace of sharing.

UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Our Father, we pray thy blessing on these gifts of our hands and hearts. Our weekly offerings and our thank offering represent the dedication of ourselves to thee. So with hearts filled with gratitude today, we lay before thee what is thine own. We give ourselves and ask that our talents also be used in thy service, through Jesus Christ our Eternal Blessing. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 363 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

* Postlude Selected

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us. Especially we recognize the members of Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity of Elon College and the brass ensemble composed of Bob Hall and Roger Staley, trumpeters, and Marty Jones and Robert Wortham, trombonists. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Alfred Hurst. Greeters of the Day are J. B. Long and D. M. McLelland.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Schmidt in memory of her mother, Mrs. Alice Brehle.

TODAY 2-4 Canvassers will visit in homes
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Board of Trustees
7:00 Family Night. The Senior Highs will meet with us for the showing of "The Forgotten American". Special projects are planned for the younger children.

PLEDGE CARDS for the 1974 Church Budget are available in the narthex. If you prefer, canvassers will call in your home this afternoon between 2 and 4.

OUR THANKSGIVING SERVICE with Edgewood Church and First Baptist Church will be here Wednesday evening at 7:30. You are urged to attend.

NEXT SUNDAY, the Sacrament of Baptism will be observed. Following the Service, a brief congregational meeting will be held.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. George Colclough at Memorial, CH.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 18, 1973

Galatians 5:16-25

There is lots of talk today about our being a people who have to produce, believing that we have only what we ourselves can make. So we are driven to manufacture our life and our world and our future, and we end up being anxious and fearful. But we need not "manufacture" our life. It is a gift. It is a remarkable gift. That's hard to believe in our day, and it's tough to accept it. A gift just comes to us without strings attached. It just comes to us. We need only to ease off and to be surprised. Can folks in our world today live by the gift? It's hard to know, but those who know about gentleness, kindness, and joy, can live by the gift. We can manufacture lots of things but not what we want most. That is given, even to us.

AMERICAN INDIAN SUNDAY

Most recent of the three all-church offerings authorized by the General Synod of the United Church of Christ is one for our denomination's American Indian ministries, to which many congregations will contribute today on American Indian Sunday. The agency which will benefit by this offering will be our U.C.C. Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), whose executive director, Rev. Robert Fox, has his office in Bismarck, North Dakota. The offering, which last year amounted to $142,000, is designed to supplement the $160,000 budgeted by our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries for the work of the Council.

High among the priorities of the Council are support of ongoing church work among Indians in Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota, and support of the United Scholarship Service, a church-initiated, Denver-based organization. Leadership is the Council's most important priority. United Scholarship Service provides scholarship grants to American Indian young people for undergraduate and graduate work in major colleges and universities across the United States.

Other projects of concern have been support of the Institute for the Development of Indian Law, the American Indian Press Association, Charles Hall Youth Services, Cook Christian Training School, Heifer Project, Inc., the Wisconsin Demonstration in Indian Education, Three Tribes Stoneware, the Winnebago Handicraft Cooperative, the New Town Day Care Center, the American Indian Mortgage Association, the Milk's Camp tom-tom drum industry, and an Indian program at Macalester College.

Our ministries to American Indians through twenty-one small congregations and through these other projects of CAIM will be possible only as they are supported by this special offering. Will you join others in the United Church of Christ by making a generous gift?

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for all these things give thanks

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
November 21, 1973 7:30 p.m.

ORGAN PRELUDE Thanks Be To Thee Hande

CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Stow

Come into the Lord's presence with songs of joy. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us and we belong to him. Give thanks to him, bless his name. Yes, the Lord is good, his love is everlasting, his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Choral Response "Now Thank We All Our God"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION Mr. Stow

*HYMN 462 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

SCRIPTURE READING Mr. Hamilto

Deuteronomy 8; I Timothy 2:1-8

ANTHEM First Baptist Choi

THANKSGIVING PRAYER Mr. Hamilto

*HYMN 21 "We Gather Together"

RESPONSIVE READING Psalm 67 Mr. Stowe

Minister: May God show kindness and bless us, and make his face smile upon us!

People: For then the earth will acknowledge his ways and all nations will know his power to save.

Minister: Let the nations praise you, O God, let all the nations praise you.

People: Let the nations shout and sing for joy, since you dispense true justice to the world.

Minister: The soil has given its harvest, God, our God has blessed us.

People: May God bless us, and let him be feared to the very ends of the earth.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Offertory — Selected

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON — Mr. Davis

*HYMN 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response — Mr. Hamilton
Lord of Harvest

POSTLUDE — Selected

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome the Elon community to this Thanksgiving Eve Service.

THE WORSHIP LEADERS are the Reverend Mr. George Stowe of the Edgewood United Church of Christ, the Reverend Mr. Weaver Davis of the First Baptist Church, and the Reverend Mr. Thomas Hamilton of the Elon College Community Church.

THE EVENING OFFERING, unless otherwise designated, will be contributed to the Elon Home for Children.

"For all the gifts thou hast bestowed upon us, and upon our land, and upon the whole family of man, we give thee humble and hearty thanks. May we show our gratitude by faithful lives devoted to thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

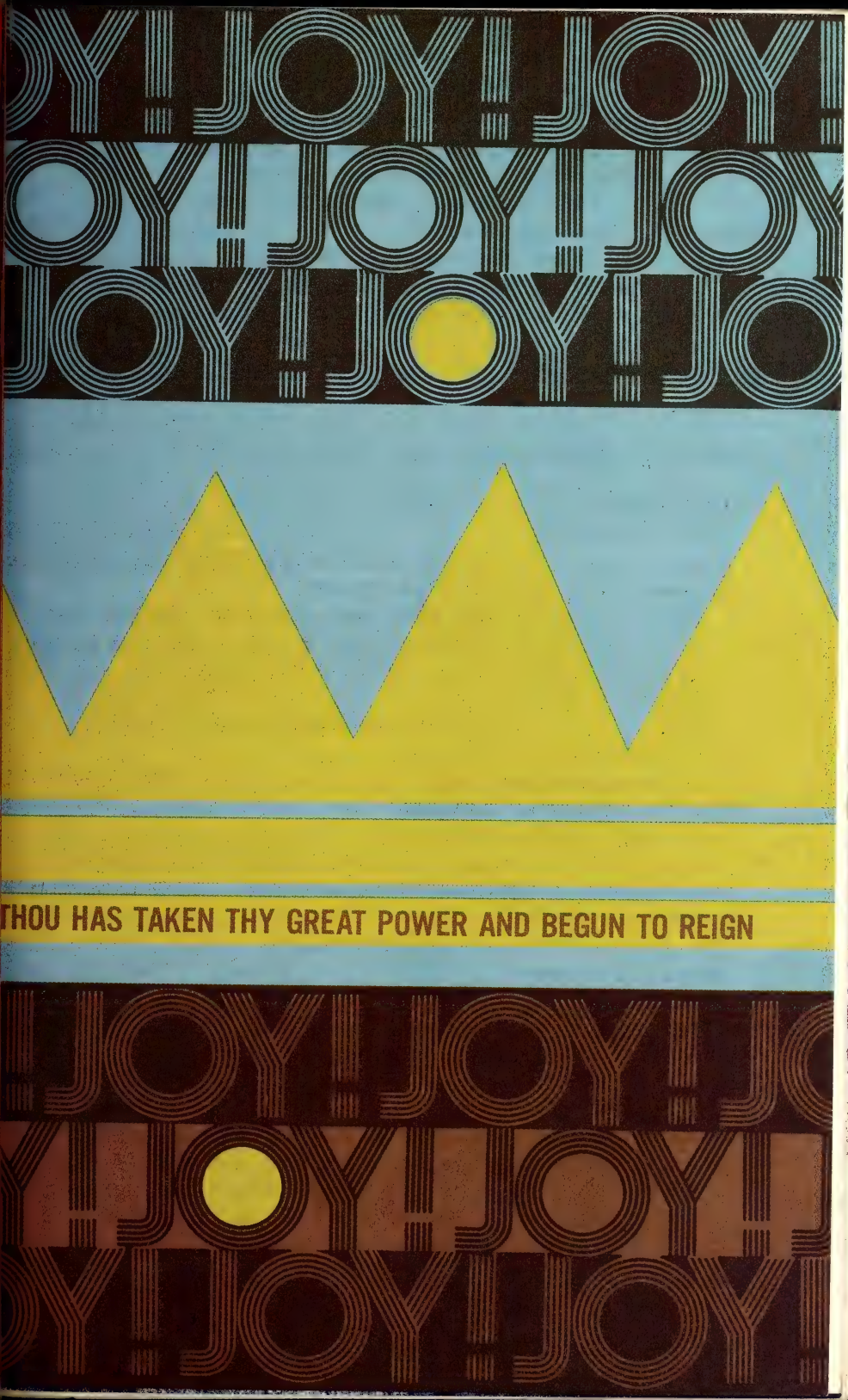
Book of Prayer

"It is harder to be thankful when one has a great deal than when one has little, because when one has little, one appreciates everything one has."

J. White

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November 25, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE When in the Hour of Deepest Need Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Jeremiah 31:31-34
Choral Introit Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Lord Jesus, as you have come from the Father and have returned to him again, bring us to the Father also that in him we may find our salvation and peac
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 461 "Come, Ye Thankful People Come"
THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading Mark 4:21-29
The Sacrament of Baptism
The Statement of Faith
* Hymn 277 "Jesus, Friend, So Kind and Gentle"
The Anthem A Hymn for Thanksgiving Junior Choir
THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory To God Give Thanks Handel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Sermon "There is a time when we feel more and more that God has been leading and guiding us, when we come out of the struggle aware of the mercy shown to us while we passed through it."

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 438 "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Lord of Harvest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shomaker in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Shomaker, and her father, Mr. E. T. Murray.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered today to Jacob Brent Bayliff, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Bayliff, Jr., and to Elizabeth Young-Hi Clouse, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. Douglas Clouse.

THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to act upon (1) the proposed 1974 church budget and (2) the report of the nominating committee will follow our Service of Worship this morning.

TODAY 4:30 Acolytes
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Worship Committee
7:00 Sr. Hi Youth meet here to go to the Greene's Home.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. A. Mark Primm, Jr. and grandparents Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Primm, Sr. upon the birth of A. M. Primm, III on November 18.

ARTICLES for the Torch are due tomorrow morning.

JOY!

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 25, 1973

Revelations 11:16-19

He's only just begun! Perhaps hardly begun. The energies of brutality and fear may seem to be still in the saddle. Our faith does not seem to make much headway in the world. But God's rule has begun. The marvel is that he has begun. The church's faith is built on the assurance of that beginning. We are not bold enough to imagine his full rule. That's too much to think about. But we have glimpses of the beginning. And so we live in hope, because we do not doubt that his way will triumph. That's a heady affirmation, with so much evidence to the contrary. But our faith holds firm.

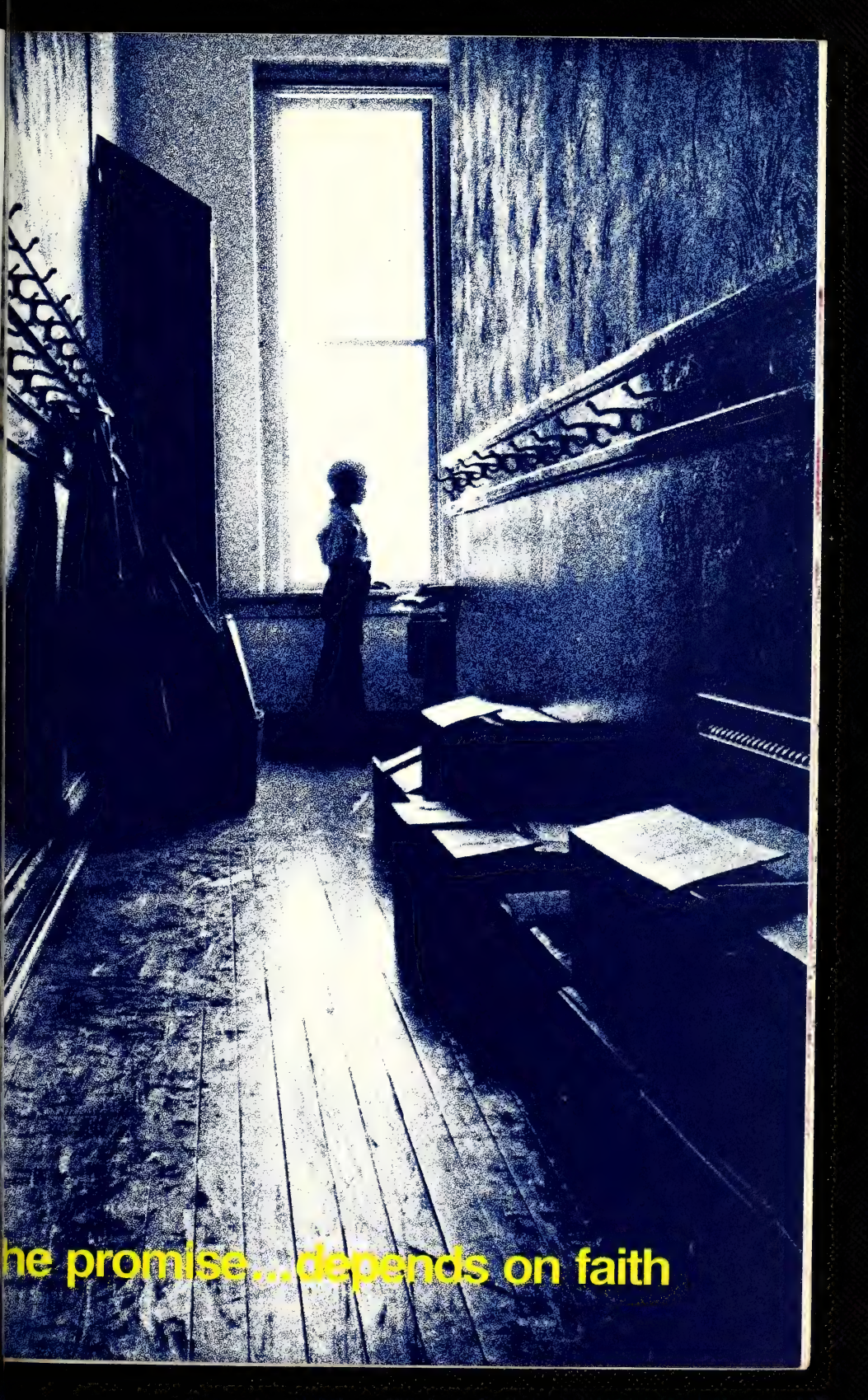
WOMEN'S LIB IN AFRICAN VILLAGES

Women's Lib! That's how Joy Lowe, a teacher at the Chikore Secondary School in Rhodesia, describes a unique self-help program for African women in the surrounding villages. With Ms. Lowe's help, the women have been able to buy improved breeds of chickens and better seed, and they have learned to fertilize their crops and also to feed their chickens rather than to let them forage. They have learned to knit sweaters for their children to wear during the cold season. And they have learned to bank a small amount of money each week through savings clubs that Ms. Lowe has formed in each village.

The women earn the money for all these projects by making dolls which the Chikore Mission, long supported by our United Church Board for World Ministries, helps to market in tourist shops in Rhodesia and in the United States. A set of twelve dolls depicting the work of the church in Rhodesia has been designed especially for church-school classes and mission study groups. The set includes a minister, a member of the church women's fellowship, a volunteer worker, a family of four dolls, three dolls representing traditional African religions, and two representing African spiritualist sect churches.

The 80% of the sale price which goes to the woman who made the dolls is an important source of cash income for a person in this marginal farming area. The sale of eight sets provides enough money to send one child to Chikore School for a year. And the cash also gives the woman a measure of independence. Yes, and of liberation as well.

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December 2, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Three French Carols

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Isaiah 11:1-3
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Most holy God, whose firm promises cannot fail and whose Son Jesus Christ is the promised Messiah, prepare us for his advent and rule through humble, teachable, and penitent hearts; in the name of Jesus, our Lord, Amen.
* Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40:1-11 (NEB)
New Testament Reading Luke 3:1-9 (NEB)
* The Gloria Patri p. 513
Anthem Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs Lotti
(Dr. David Bragg, Director)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Awake, Arise, and Rejoice Junior Choir
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Lighting the Advent Candle of Wonder
* Hymn 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful" (st.1,2)

Sermon "Is not Advent-Christmas a time to be introduced to the Lord, to be led to him, to be led by him? We need this annual event to bring us on bended knee to the manger-altar."

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

* Benediction

* Congregational Response The Doxology

* Postlude Glory To God in the Highest Pergolesi

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Among our visitors are members of the Mary Sue Brittle Bible Class of Bethlehem UCC, Suffolk, Virginia. Greeters of the Day are Dr. Philip Mann and Dr. J. E. Danieley.

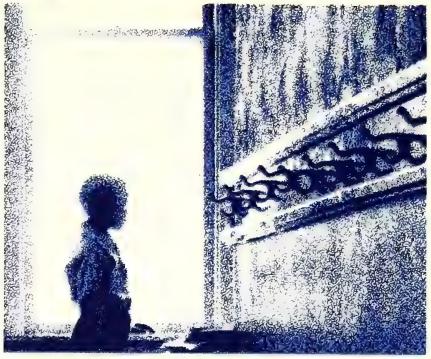
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dariel Burchfield in memory of their son, Captain Joe S. Burchfield.

TODAY 4:00 "The Messiah" in Whitley Auditorium
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth meet in Parish House
7:00 Senior Hi Youth - bring a print you will want to decoupage.
7:00 Board of Deacons

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 with Mrs. Charles Wood.

109 FAMILIES have made pledges of $24,533. toward our 1974 current expense budget of $38,341. and $6414. toward our 1974 benevolent budget of $6950.

THE CHRISTMAS WORKSHOP Family Night is next Sunday from 3 to 7:15. There will be special projects for all ages.



FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT **December 2, 1973**

Rom. 4:13-25

What a difference it makes that we know God's promises will be kept. Because of it, we know the world will not fall apart. We know our lives have dignity and meaning. We know our brothers and sisters are precious. And we know, not because we can prove it or because we have some secret information, but because we have learned to trust. That is what faith is about, trusting in promises.

Most of the time, we are careful and calculating, controlling what we get by what we do, being sure that careful actions yield right consequences, and so we go our busy, calculating, even dutiful way with our "non-surprise environment." But Advent suggests a better way. It is the growing expectation of a child. It is wanting to peek and knowing you may not. It is dreaming enormous dreams about gifts and having confidence that the gifts will outrun our best dreams. Advent, a time of wonderment and amazement, a time of childlike trust, is a protest against the way we live most of the time.

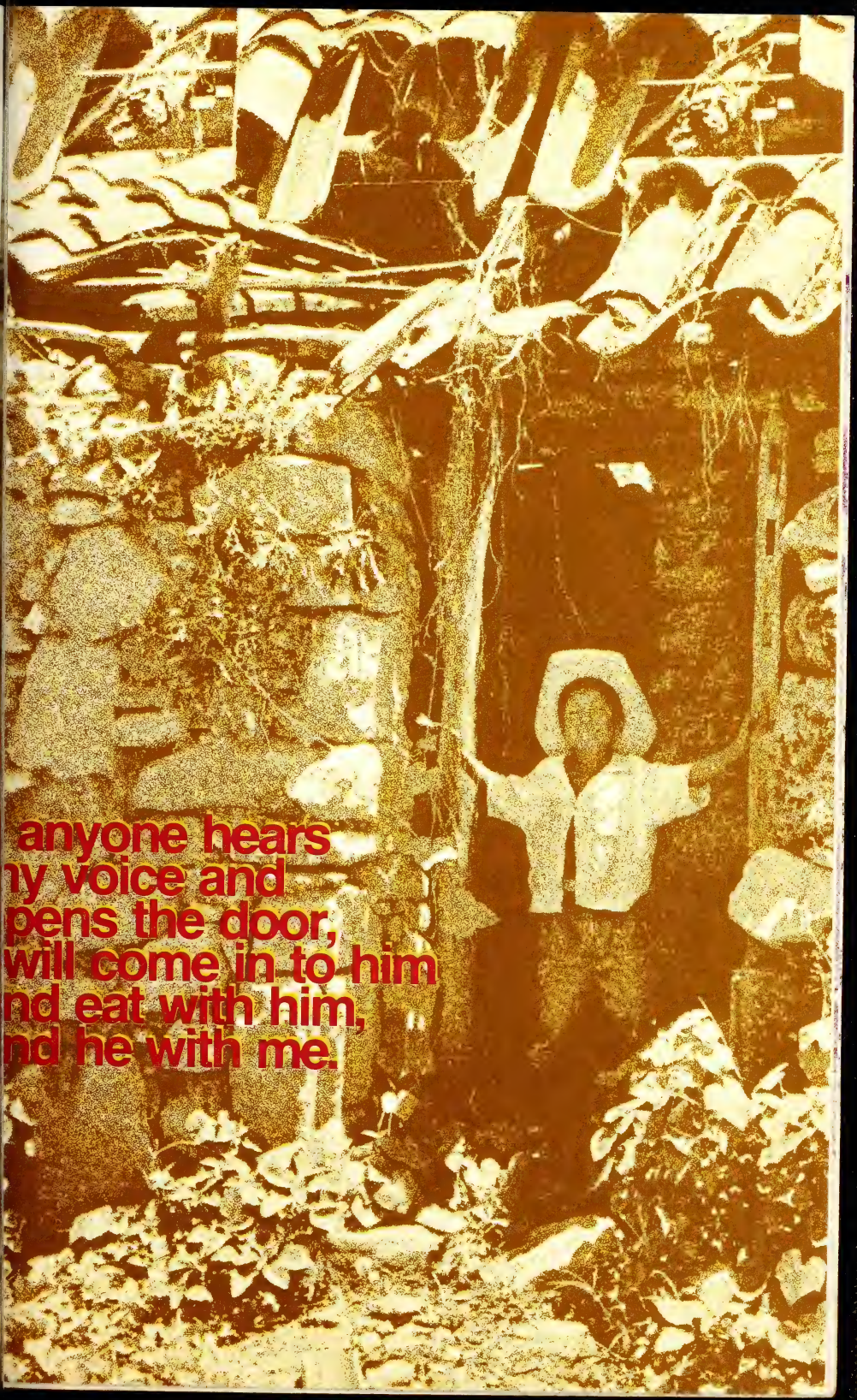
Advent is time to step out of the routine, to entertain the mind-boggling idea that God will give us more than we ask or need, that the world holds amazement for those open enough and risking enough to trust. God's power does not come by the rules, but by his good intention to meet us beyond the rules in healing ways. And Advent is the decision to move beyond the rules to a life of trust.

The New Testament has it that the promises of God do not depend on our earning them but on our believing in them. It asks of us childlike trust with adult-sized dreams, dreams of justice and of people, dreams of equality and of freedom. No wonder the heavens sing!

Dr. Walter Brueggemann, Dean
Eden Theological Seminary
Webster Groves, Missouri

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December 9, 1973 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Let Us Go Now To Bethlehem Nevin

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship John 3:16-2
Choral Introit Of the Father's Love Begotte
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O God, in whom there is no darkness and whose Son is the light of the world, dispel the darkness of our distrust and unbelief by the light and love of your gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.
* Hymn 114 "Lift Up Your Heads"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 42:1-9 (NEB
* The Gloria Patri p. 51
New Testament Reading John 1:1-18 (NEB
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THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Amen

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Trees, Plains, Hills, Rejoice Van Hulse
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Lighting the Advent Candle of Joy
* Hymn 130 "Joy To The World"

Sermon "Let Christmas proclaim good will and peace, the love of God for us, and our love for the Christ - thus we shall change clock-time into event, duration into celebration."

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"
* Benediction
* Choral Response "Go Tell It On The Mountain"
* Postlude Shepherds, Leave Your Flocks Nevins

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy in memory of their daughter, Janet Loy Faulkner.

TODAY 3:00 - 7:15: The Family Christmas Workshop in the Parish House promises to be a fun afternoon for the whole family. Supper will be on your own (bring a sandwich, coffee and punch will be provided). The closing worship service will begin at 7:00.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP General Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the church sanctuary. Coach Ray Oxendine of Catawba College will speak on "Growing up as an American Indian in North Carolina". The menfolk and youth are invited, as well as all our church women. An informal social hour will follow, during which you may speak to Mr. Oxendine.

OTHER: Confirmation Class today at 5:00...You are invited to the Community-wide pre-Christmas program on Thursday evening at 7:00 in front of Town Hall... Our choirs will present a service of Christmas music next Sunday...112 families have made pledges of $24,945. toward our 1974 current expense budget of $38,341. and $6464. toward our 1974 benevolent budget of $6950...The Seekers' Class meets at the parsonage Saturday evening at 7:30...The Junior Choir will have a Christmas party Saturday afternoon at 2:00 at the home of Miss Grubb.



SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT **December 9, 1973**

Rev. 3:14-22

It's possible to live in a room and think it's the whole world. It's possible to be there alone and think you're the only one. Faith is the reminder, both painful and hopeful, that we are not the only ones. There is this Other One and he bears healing and power. He would be with us. He would change our lives. But he waits. He waits on us to determine whether we want our lives changed. We can remain closed off and live in our illusionary isolation. But the gospel is that we need not do so. There is another way, and it is with him!

OUTREACH SERVICES FOR THE AGING

Ten congregations sent three delegates each to the Consultation on Aging held last spring at North Canton, Ohio. Each delegate was committed to learning what would work in his own parish neighborhood for helping older residents. The "Ohio Project," as it was called, was jointly sponsored by the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ, the Council on Health and Welfare Services of the United Church of Christ, and two homes for the aging—United Church Homes, Inc. and First Community Village.

Among the results of the Consultation: the New Philadelphia Church held a six-week training course for "Friendly Visitors" to which 33 neighboring churches sent participants; the Grace Church in Akron is visiting the residents of Canal Fulton Home; the First Immanuel Church of Alliance has funded a foster-grandparents program; the senior-high group at Wadsworth has sponsored work projects for elderly members; the Kent United Church of Christ has members giving leadership in several community projects for the aging; and the Sugarcreek Church has a new senior-citizens group meeting regularly. Other services organized as a direct result of the Consultation included: providing transportation for the elderly, sponsoring meals-on-wheels, starting handicraft classes, and providing information on supplemental income.

The "Ohio Project" is a beautiful example of congregations, a conference, and a national agency of the church working together. For a list of the 87 agencies which are members of the Council on Health and Welfare Services, write: United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, 287 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10010.

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every man will receive
his commendation from god

PRELUDE From Heaven Above to Earth Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Malachi 3:1-6
Choral Introit Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE PROPHECY OF A MESSIAH
Narrative
Lighting the Advent Candle of Hope
* Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"
Anthem Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs Lotti
THE BIRTH OF CHRIST
Responsive Reading (insert)
Anthems Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light Bach
Gesu Bambino Yon
Let the Bright Red Berries Glow Jr. Choir
(Flutist - Jane Updyke)
THE BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT
Narrative
Anthems The Snow Lay On the Ground Sowerby
Beyond Yon Gloomy Stable Bach
Prayer of Thanksgiving
Anthems O, What a Wonder Jr. Choir
Come Ye To Bethlehem K. K. Davis
THE VISIT OF THE WISEMEN
Narrative
Offertory Pastoral Symphony Handel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
Anthem Sing Gloria K. K. Davis
CELEBRATION OF CHRIST'S BIRTH
* Unison Affirmation of Faith: I joyfully believe in the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ. I joyfully believe God has a purpose for the world and for my life. I joyfully believe in the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit. I joyfully accept God's love for me. I joyfully affirm my desire to walk with Christ in love
* Hymn 136 "On This Day, Earth Shall Ring"
* Benediction
* Choral Response How Silently the Wondrous Gift is Given
Postlude Joy to the World arr. Smith

ADULT CHOIR

Sopranos

Sherry Andrews
Gertrude Barney
Lois Bost
Jane Danieley
Dawn Flye
Maurine Gminder
June Grubb
Peggy Lackey
Sylvia Langston
Vicki Price

Altos

Susan Barney
Winifred Barney
Melva Foster
Jane Hamilton
Joy Hamilton
Aundree Price
Jane Updyke
Penny Updyke

Tenors

Wes Alexander
Dave Bragg
Paul Cheek
Bill Ellis
Albert Gminder
George Jewel
Al Primm

Basses

John Barney
Bill Price
Tim Price
Worden Updyke
Louis Wilkins

JUNIOR CHOIR

Girls

Melanie Artley
Luci Atkinson
Beth Barbee
Lori Bowyer
Jeanette Cates
Brenda Costner
Amy Goude
Carol Knight
Teresa Mims
Sharon Rinker
Edrianna Updyke
Janet Wysong

Boys

Ronnie Andrews
Bert Barbee
Billy Blanchard
David Byers
Jim Byers
Daniel Hamilton
Greg Price
Jeff Price

THE RESPONSIVE READING

For God so loved the world that he gave his only son
*In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus
that whoever believes in him should not perish
*that all the world should be enrolled.
but have eternal life.

*And Joseph went up from Galilee,
For God sent the Son into the world,
*from the city of Nazareth to Judea,
not to condemn the world
*to the city of David which is called Bethlehem
but that the world through him might be saved.
*to be enrolled with Mary, his wife, who was with child.

And this is the judgement
*And while they were there
that the light has come into the world.
*the time came for her to be delivered.

He who does what is true comes to the light
*And she gave birth to her first-born son
that it may be clearly seen that his deeds
*and wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him
in a manger,
have been wrought in God.
*because there was no room for them in the inn.

Together: And he shall be given the name Jesus,
for he will save his people from
their sins.

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Nancy Boyd and Jennie Seamster, Acolytes

December 16, 1973 11:00 a.m.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. John Truitt of Circle 2. Greeters of the Day are Miss Caroline Powell and Robert Baxter.

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YOUTH: The Junior Hi Youth meet at 6 and the Senior Hi at 7. Both groups plan to carol in the community.

PLEASE REMEMBER that our Christmas Eve Service is next Sunday evening, one night early. With the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, we shall celebrate the traditional Christmas Lovefeast including the Service of Candle-lighting. The music begins at 7 and the Service at 7:30.

OFFERING ENVELOPES for 1974 are on tables in the down-stairs hallway. If you will take your envelopes today, you save us the cost of mailing.

PERSONS who wish to place a poinsettia in the Church for Christmas are asked to have them here by Saturday evening.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT **December 16, 1973**

I Cor. 4:1-5

It's risky business to jump to conclusions, either to be taken in or to be turned off. We may be overly impressed by what seems to work or what is attractive. Or we may be repelled by what is abrasive to us. Persons of faith are not to be so easily persuaded or alienated. It is not our business to sort people out into acceptable and unacceptable, good and bad. People of faith are invited to openness and tentativeness. We do not need to judge. God will take care of that.

SHARE THE HAPPINESS!

How one relates to others makes all the difference in the world. To be able to relate to another person's situation with sensitivity and understanding is the mark of a real person. Paul counselled Christians to "share the happiness of those who are happy and the sorrow of those who are sad" (Romans 12:15, Phillips translation).

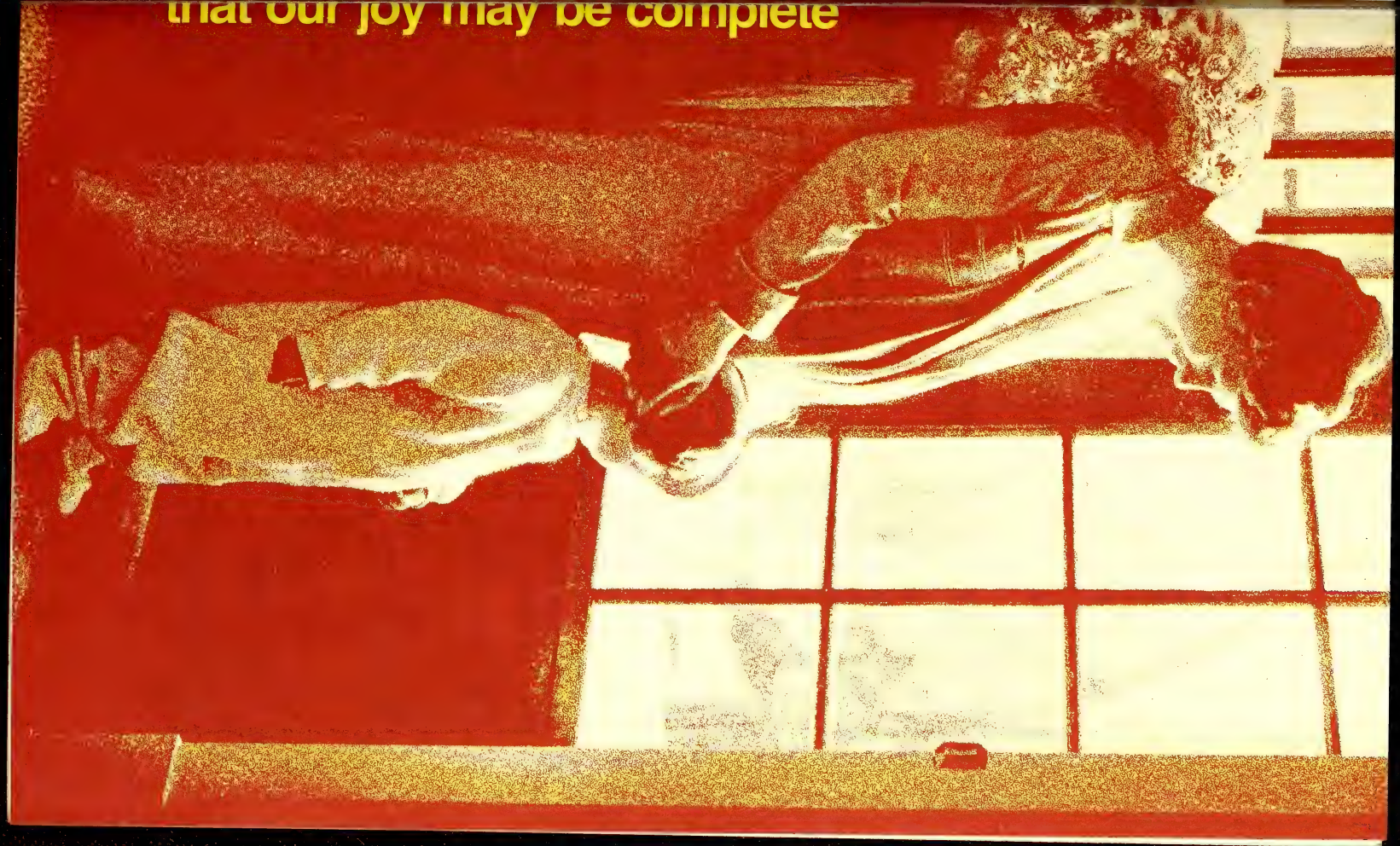
For generations, Christian ministers have identified with their people, sharing their joys, their griefs, and the myriad feelings and experiences in between. Throughout the years of their ministry, pastors supply the needed word of comfort, forgiveness, and courage which we need. In their retirement, they look back on these years of sharing.

Now, through the Christmas Fund, you share with more than a thousand of these retired pastors your own Christmas happiness, helping them with a monetary gift and with a greeting. And you also relate to active ministers and their families who have been hurt by illness, accident, or other tragedy too great for their resources. Your Christmas Fund gift is shared with them through the Emergency Fund, which is administered by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ.

Through the Christmas Fund, you can share not only your own happiness in this season of joy; you can share also in the happiness of those who first shared their ministry with you.

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that our joy may be complete



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December 23, 1973 CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Christ the Infant Divine is Born Nevins

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Zechariah 2:10,11
Choral Introit Gloria in Excelsis Deo
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
O God, who in the birth of your Holy Child, Jesus, has visited and redeemed your people, grant that he may be born in us so that we may share his joy and peace, and be strengthened to worship and serve you acceptably through him, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen
* Hymn 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 40 (selected)
* The Gloria Patri p. 513
New Testament Reading Luke 2:1-20
Anthem Come Ye to Bethlehem Davis

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Amen

THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory When Shepherds Came to Greet Him Nevins
* Congregational Response The Doxology
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Lighting the Advent Candle of Love
* Hymn 138 "Silent Night, Holy Night"

Sermon "We come to the Christmas manger not to see just a baby but to see God in this baby. We see there the gleaming heart of One who so loved the world that he gave us his only Son. May your Christmas be merry because God loves you."

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 130 "Joy to the World"

Benediction

Choral Response Of the Father's Love Begotten

Postlude Selected

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us on this Christmas Sunday. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Louis Wilkins of Circle 5. Greeters of the Day are G.D. Colclough and Howard Loy.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Atkinson and Mrs. R. T. Bradford by the Family.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class

7:30 Christmas Lovefeast Service. The music will begin at 7:00.

OTHER: The Christmas Wreaths are placed on the front church doors by Georgie Moore in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Moore, and sisters, Edith Moore Cole and Jodie Moore...The Tan and Toil Garden Club has placed the wreath on the Parish House door... Thanks to the families who have shared poinsettias with us today...The church office will be closed Monday and Tuesday...College students will meet informally at the parsonage Friday evening at 8:00... Offering envelopes for 1974 may be secured from tables in the downstairs hallway...The Service of Installation for all church officers and committees and the ordination of deacons will be next Sunday morning.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 23, 1973

I John 1:1-4

What would it take to make us really happy? Because we are pressed or wearied or anxious, our experience of joy is usually mixed and fleeting. The writer of First John had the notion that joy could be total and lasting. Such joy comes from communication of the gospel. Christmas is a time for gifts, but we learn so slowly that "things" we give and get may please and yet not yield the abiding wholeness we call joy. At Christmas time we are called to repent, to get free of fleeting notions of happiness and ponder the good news of being healed and valued. There is no substitute for that assurance. That's what we celebrate!

LOOKING TOWARD CHRISTMAS

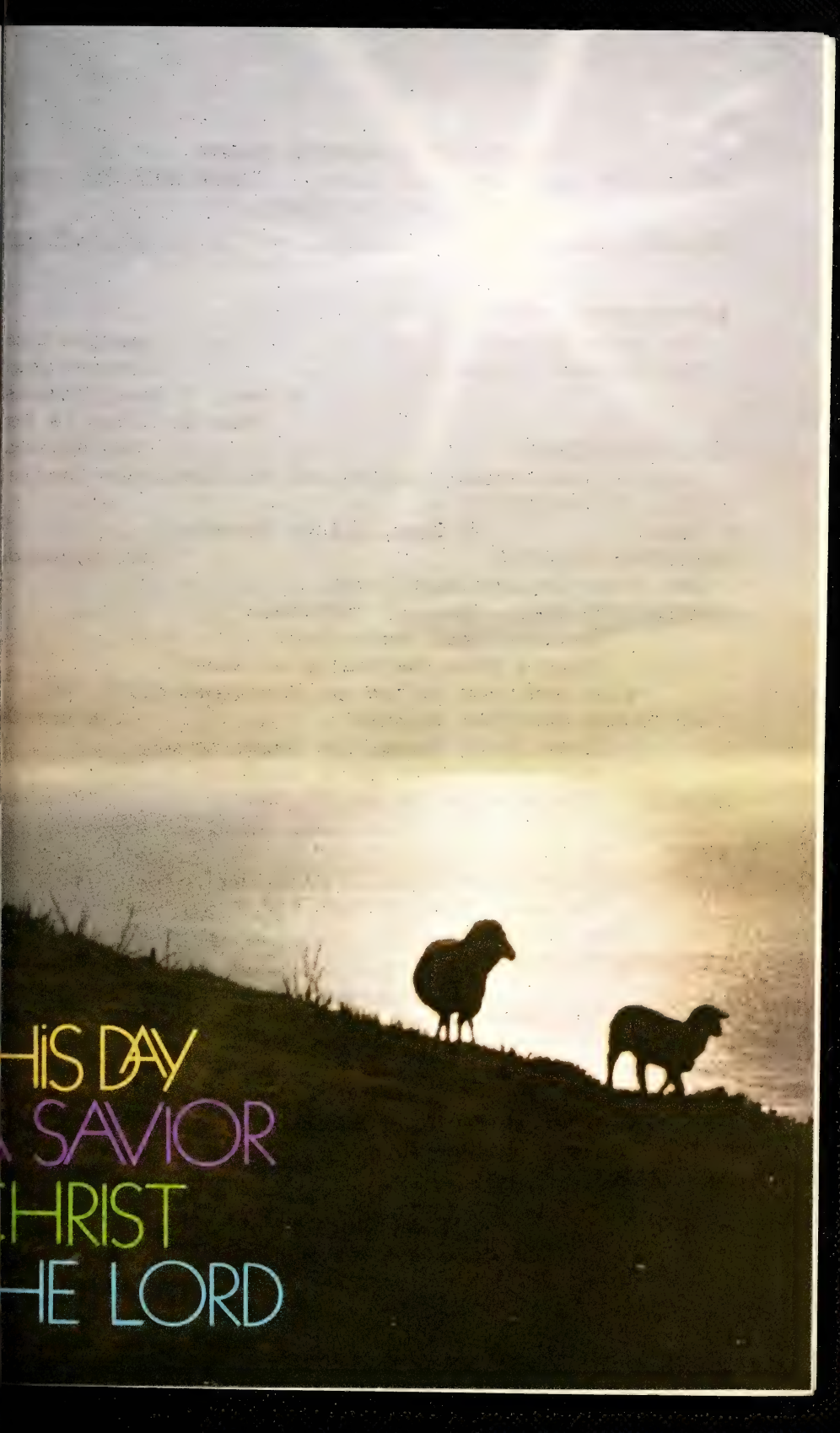
The meaning of Christmas is always deeper than any words can express. It is a "happening," whose meaning is best conveyed, without words, with the symbols of a star, a stable, and a manger.

The Light of the World shines in the darkness and streams forth from the lowliest birth of a babe. Yet the life of that babe ended with his death on a tree. That death climaxes the self-giving love with which the God of all creation covers the earth—a love that is the Light of the World.

Christmas does not celebrate a sentimental retreat from the world of human struggle and tragedy. It celebrates the presence of a love whose light is able to shatter the darkness of our lives and bring good news of great joy in the midst of our real world. Where love reigns, light shines. And the darkness cannot put it out! The Lord of love is here! He is here for each and for all. He is here to illuminate the hurts and brokenness of human life and to bring his healing and joy to the world.

—*Dr. Paul L. Hammer*
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HIS DAY
SAVIOR
HRIST
HE LORD

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
BURLINGTON MORAVIAN FELLOWSHIP FIRST MORAVIAN CHUR
CHRISTMAS LOVEFEAST
December 23, 1973 7:30 p.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE
The Brass Ensemble (on the law
The Sisters' Bellchor Coventry Car
O Come, O Come, Emmanu
Unto Us A Boy Is Bo
CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilt
Lighting the Advent Candles and the Christmas Candle
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
* Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
SCRIPTURE READING Mr. Livengoo
The Moravian Lovefeast Story
CAROLS "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Silent Night, Holy Night"
"Angels From the Realms of Glory"
(The buns and coffee are distributed.)
TRADITIONAL MORAVIAN BLESSING (in unison
"Come, Lord Jesus, Our Guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee"
ANTHEM "Glory to God in the Highest" Pergoles

HYMNS "O Savior of our Race"
"Softly The Night is Sleeping"
"Redeemer Come, I Open Wide"
(The coffee mugs are collected.)
CHRISTMAS PRAYER Mr. Hamilto

ANTHEM "The Snow Lay on the Ground" Sowerb

CHRISTMAS OFFERING
Anthems "Within Yon Gloomy Manger Lies" Bac
"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Mr. Livengoo

ANTHEM "Sing Gloria" Davi
(The candles are distributed.)

HYMNS "Morning Star" Soloist, Choirs, and Congregation
(The congregation sings the words in italics.)
* "Christ the Lord Now is Born"
(As the fourth stanza begins, the candles are lifted to symbolize Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.)
*BENEDICTION
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
*POSTLUDE Joy To The World Handel

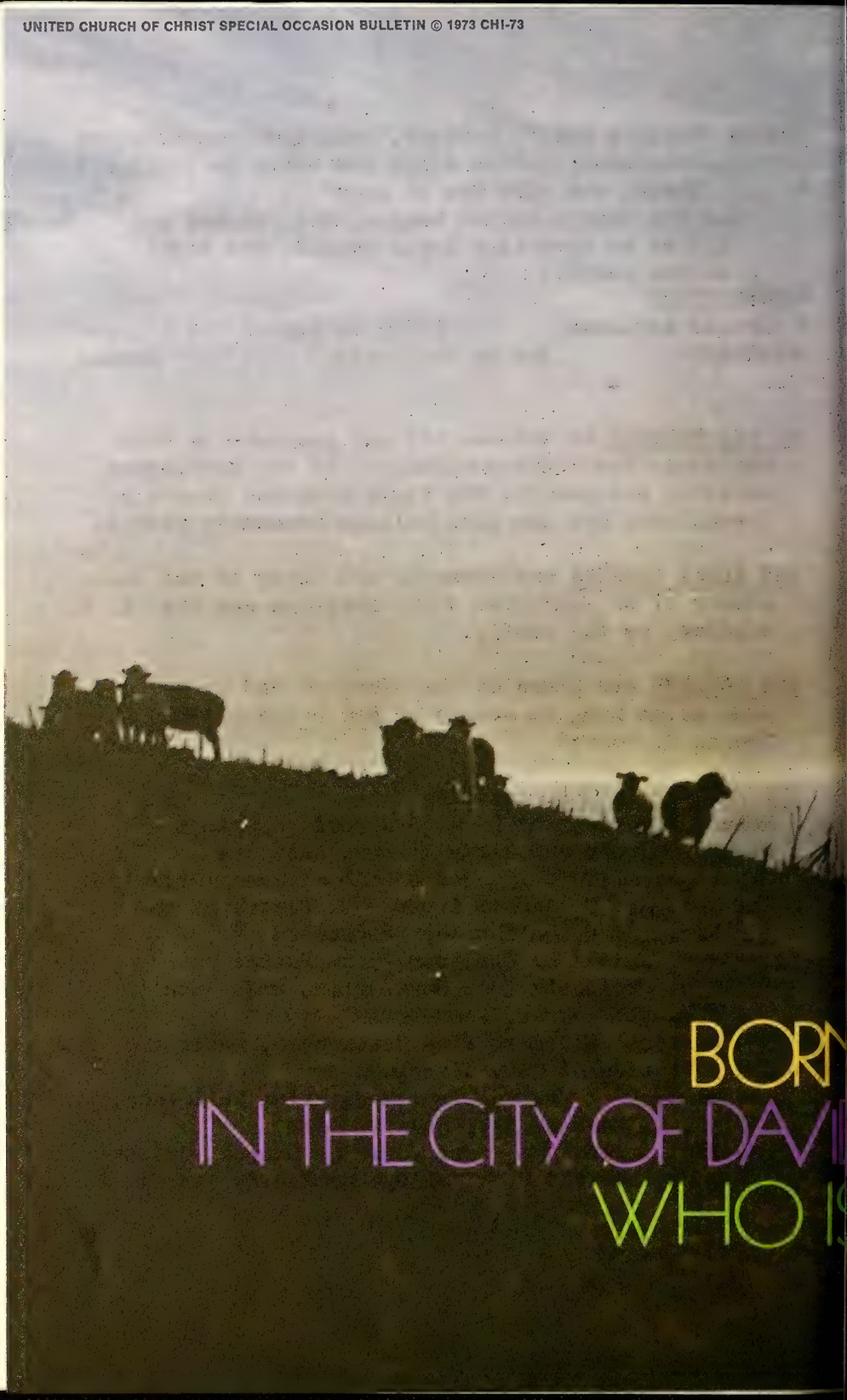
WE ARE PLEASED to welcome all our visitors to this Christmas Eve Service sponsored by the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, The First Moravian Church of Greensboro, and the Elon College Community Church.

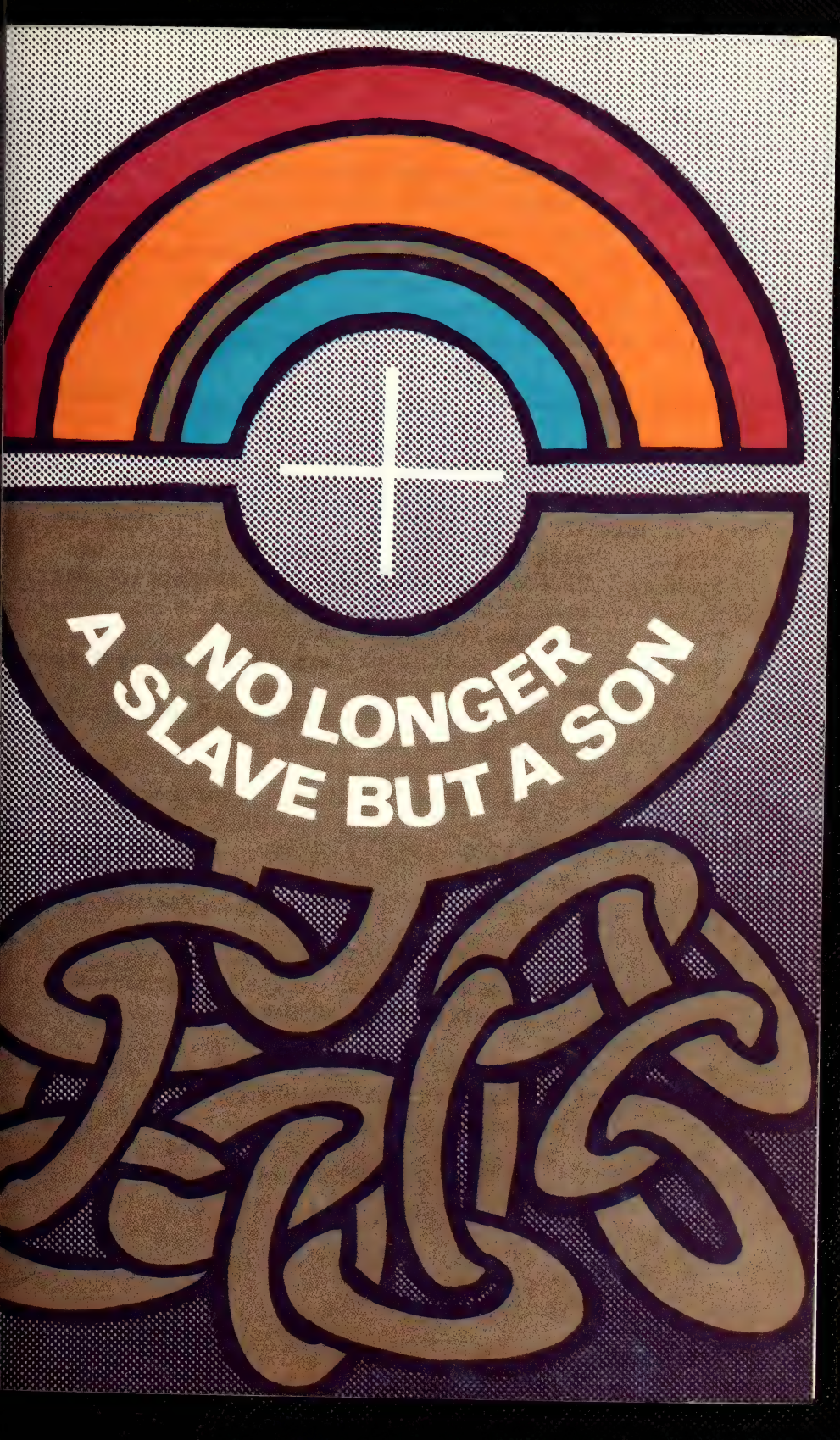
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THE CANDLES are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Long in memory of her brother, Mr. Thomas C. Conrad.

THE WORSHIP LEADERS include:
Howard Edgerton and E. W. Brafford, Greeters
Esther Gminder and Cindy Rinker, Acolytes
Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg and George Kiorpes, Organists
The Rev. Mr. C. Jerome Livengood, Pastor of the First Moravian Church, Greensboro
The Rev. Thomas R. Hamilton, host Pastor
The Brass Ensemble from Burlington, under the direction of Mr. Tom Graham
The Sisters' Bellchor from Greensboro, under the direction of Rev. Livengood
The Dieners of the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, Mr. William H. Day, co-ordinator
The Choirs from the First Moravian Church, Greensboro, and the Elon College Community Church.

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NO LONGER
A SLAVE BUT A SON

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Miss Joan Cockman, Guest Organist
Jane Alexander and Faye McLelland, Acolytes

December 30, 1973 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude in D Major Fischer

CALL TO WORSHIP I John 4:9,10
Pastor: "This is how God showed his love for us:
People: He sent his only Son into the world that we might have life through Him.
Pastor: This is what love is:
People: It is not that we have loved God, but that He loved us..."
Choir: "He rules the world with truth and grace"
PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 122 "God Rest You Merry, Gentlemen"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:1-14
* The Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

THE SERVICE OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION
Installation of officers and committee personnel
Ordination and Installation of Deacons
THE SPOKEN WORD
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Threefold Amen
Welcome
* Hymn 119 "As With Gladness Men of Old"

Sermon "The Magi left Bethlehem by a different route. The clear implication is that they did so because they were different men. Having ourselves been to Bethlehem, are we different also?"

THE ACT OF DEDICATION

Offertory Passacaglia Raison

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

* Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

* Postlude Fanfare Leighton

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. George G. Colclough and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Watts by Mr. and Mrs. George D. Colclough.

TODAY we install the officers, board-members and committee-members elected by the congregation to leadership roles. Ordained and installed to the office of Deacon are Ken Harper, Miss Elna Huey, and Worden Updyke.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...The church office will be closed on Tuesday... Mrs. Polly Marino will enter Duke Hospital on Tuesday... Both the Junior Choir and the Adult Choir will rehearse on Wednesday...The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday...Circles of The Women's Fellowship meet next week.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 1973

Gal. 4:1-7

It's hard for parents to accept their children's growing independence. It's hard for kids, too. We develop patterns of control and dependency. At some point, however, we all declare our independence. We must then work out a new way of relating. A son relates to a trusting father very differently from the way a slave relates to a master. Sometimes the son would rather act like a slave and be dependent and be controlled, but the father insists he be a son and not a slave—responsible, caring, mature, free. God gives us this new relationship with him. He wants sons and daughters and not docile slaves. The new year is a good time to begin living and relating in new ways. It's harder, but God intends it so.

NEW TRENDS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE) is an interdenominational organization in which the United Presbyterian Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ participate with other major denominations. In recent years, UMHE has initiated two new trends in higher education while at the same time continuing ongoing programs of cooperative campus ministry.

The first of these trends has been to encourage the development of community colleges as a resource for the entire community. Originally founded to provide remedial education for students intending to transfer to four-year colleges and universities and also terminal education for students headed toward a variety of non-academic careers, community colleges today seek to relate such education to the solution of community problems: housing, social injustice, poverty, crime, and delinquency.

The second trend has been to encourage the so-called "new student"—the student who is neither economically nor academically advantaged. Such students need special help to prepare themselves for the variety of career possibilities available in fields likely to be open to them upon graduation. Flexibility and adjustment to changing circumstances are the order of the day in higher education.

It is in such areas as these that United Ministries in Higher Education faces its greatest challenge—a challenge which Christians can best meet together.

This message is prepared for use by the United Presbyterian Church, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and the United Church of Christ.

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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

1948-49 A PARISH HOUSE IS BUILT
and it shall be named "Elon College Community Church Parish House".

1959 A CHURCH SANCTUARY IS BUILT
"...and, looking upon this fair building, our hearts are strangely warmed that our weak hands have been divinely strengthened to build this House to the glory and honor of Christ, and for our children and our children's children."

N O W WE DEDICATE OURSELVES
to the next task before us - the construction of new CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FACILITIES.

1973-74

Dateline: 1968

A long-range Planning Committee, appointed by the Board of Deacons and representing each of the organizations of the church, completed its study and documented the need for a building program. The Committee was composed of Philip R. Mann, J. Mark McAdams, E. W. Brafford, Ralph Oxford, Verona Danieley, Lucille Howard, Bill Blanchard, Wesley Alexander, Gertrude Barney, Thomas Smith, Patricia Perry (Woody), Charles Terrell, Convener J. Earl Danieley and Chairman D. Marsh McLelland.

Dateline: September 12, 1971

The congregation voted that "we authorize the Buildin Committee composed of J. Mark McAdams, Larry McCauley E. W. Brafford, T. E. Powell, III, Fred Walter, and Chairman Philip R. Mann, to continue to study our chu program and facilities to determine the expressed nee for a building program".

Dateline: 1972

The Building Committee completed its study to the extent authorized by the congregation. The committee suggested that the style of construction be identical to that of the sanctuary, either joined to the presen building or else connected by colannades or covered w

Dateline: October 22, 1972

The Board of Deacons voted that a Building Fund Commi be appointed to develop plans to solicit building fun pledges over a three-year period, to conduct the camp in the spring of 1973, looking toward final building plans by the fall of 1973, and the beginning of con- struction in the spring of 1974. The appointed commi consists of James Langston, A. M. Primm, Sr., Mrs. C. Huey, Louis Wilkins, Mark Danieley, Bill Ellis, Nina Matlock, Bill Terrell, and co-chairmen Robert Baxter and W. W. Snyder.

Dateline: January 28, 1973

The congregation voted without dissent that we authorize the Building Fund Committee to proceed with plans to conduct a building fund campaign with a minimum goal of $50,000 over a period of three years.

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THE BUILDING COMMITTEE has completed its preliminary study, updating the 1968 report. The imperative need is for separate classrooms for grades seven through twelve, more adequate administrative offices, additional restrooms, an enlarged kindergarten room, a new parlor, modernized kitchen and fellowship hall, a reading-conference room, and a boiler room. They project the addition of 7800 square feet to house these facilities.

THE CONGREGATION has affirmed its intention to satisfy these building needs, though no formal action has been taken to begin construction. An architect is yet to be employed. Opportunity will be given for the membership to review and revise the plans as they are developed. Final decisions as to when to proceed to build and which facilities are to be built will be made by the congregation.

THE BUILDING PROGRAM depends upon the wide participation of the membership and their subscription of pledges to this finance campaign. We therefore urge your prayerful consideration as you determine the investment you will make in the future ministries of the Elon College Community Church.

OUR GOAL

In order to raise funds sufficient to justify beginning our new educational facilities, the Building Fund Committee has set a campaign goal of

$100,000

in pledges to be paid over a three year period.

1974 - - - -	$33,333
1975 - - - -	33,333
1976 - - - -	33,333

To realize this goal,
some very substantial pledges are needed;
several other large pledges are needed;
many considerably generous pledges are needed;
and other pledges are needed from the balance of our families.

Pledges Needed	Amount
1	$ 6000.
1	5000.
2	3600.
5	3000.
10	2400.
10	1500.
15	1200.
20	600.
25	300.
Other pledges to total at least	7500.

the world did not know God through wisdom



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January 6, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Bread of the World in Mercy Broken Reger

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 72:18,19
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God
*HYMN 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy"

UNISON PRAYER
Almighty God, we would give thanks for all your benefits bestowed upon us in the past year. Grant us, we pray a favorable and joyful year, defend us from all danger, and send us the fullness of your blessing; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord. Amen

OLD TESTAMENT READING Job 28:9-28
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING I Corinthians 1:18-25

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response Threefold Amen
MEDITATION "No matter how charred the fabric of our lives, there is always fresh promise, fresh hope, a fresh garment of grace. It isn't guaranteed to stay fresh, but it can always be refreshened. Communion is refreshment by God's grace.
THE DEDICATION OF TITHES and OFFERINGS
Offertory Thee We Adore Candlyn
Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
Prayer of Dedication
ANTHEM Ave Verum Mozart

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 495
Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

THE PLEDGE OF DEDICATION (in unison)
We pledge ourselves
to follow through the coming year
the light which God gives us:
The light of Truth,
The light of Freedom
The light of Faith,
The light of Love.
Guided by this light,
we shall go forward to the work of another year
with steadfastness and confidence.
BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
POSTLUDE Selected

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter by Miss Marjorie Hunter, Mrs. Dorothy Walker, and Richard Hunter.

THE CONGREGATION unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Al Primm upon the death of his mother, Mrs. A. A. Primm of Thomasville.

ASSISTING as liturgist this morning is Mr. Charles Terrell who is a member of this congregation and a student at Duke Divinity School.



EPIPHANY SUNDAY **January 6, 1974**

THE MEANING OF EPIPHANY

Epiphany is one of the oldest festivals of the Christian church. Originally, the occasion emphasized the baptism of Jesus as the event which marked his "manifestation" to men. In earliest times, the celebration of the birth of Christ was included in the celebration of Epiphany, and only later did the celebration of his birth come to be observed as a separate festival—Christmas. In the western church, the visit of the Wise Men from the East came to have a special place in the celebration of Epiphany, and Epiphany became known as the Festival of the Three Kings. Realizing that there were numerous events in the life of Christ which might be considered manifestations of his uniqueness and divinity, the church has at times included in its Epiphany observance such incidents as the miracle at the wedding at Cana in Galilee and the feeding of the five thousand.

Implicit in the New Testament record is the suggestion that the Christ is manifest to men not only through the events of his own life but also through the lives of believers. How else are we to understand the words of Jesus, "you shall be my witnesses"? Or the words of Paul concerning the Lord's Supper, " . . . as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes"? In each case the appropriate word is Epiphany, "to make manifest." Christ is made known through the witness of believers and through the celebration of communion as well.

In this hallowed festival we rejoice that Christ was made manifest to men of old, men who "beheld his glory" and who gave their lives that he might be made known in all the world. On this day we ought also to pray for an Epiphany in our own time, whereby the radiance of his truth and his love might be manifested anew through a vital and Spirit-filled church.

—Glenn E. Riddell, Jr.
Eureka College
Eureka, Illinois

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Nathan Gminder and Jay Updyke, Acolytes

January 13, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude No. 1 Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Psalm 24:3-6
Choral Introit O Gracious God, Whose Constant Care
* Hymn 260 "The Church's One Foundation"
* Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Almighty God, our Father, we come into your presence remembering your promise that in all places where your name is heard, you will meet with your people and bless them. We would claim that promise again as we worship in the spirit of Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

THE LIVING WORD
Psalter Reading 90 Psalm 90 P. 529
Anthem Grieve Not the Holy Spirit Noble
(Maurine Gminder, Soprano)
New Testament Reading Luke 3:21-24;4:1-15

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

THE SPOKEN WORD
Ritual of Friendship
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Sermon "Being God's son means nothing less than total obedience to his will. So for Israel; so for our Lord; so for our Lord's Church."

'RAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Trio in F Kriebhel

The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

:OING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon my Heart"

Benediction

Choral Response May the Grace of Christ our Savior

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. Greeters of the Day are J. B. Long and R. C. Baxter.

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ODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth
7:00 Senior Hi Youth

HE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets Tuesday evening at 7:00 with the Bayliffs.

OSPITALIZED: Nina Matlock and Mrs. W. L. Oakley at Memorial, Mrs. Polly Marino at Duke.

THER: The Women's Bible Study is Wednesday morning at 9:30...Junior Choir is Wednesday at 3:30 and Adult Choir at 7:30...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

IE ANNUAL MEETING is January 27 at 7:30. All standing committees will meet at 6:45. Written reports are due now.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 13, 1974**

Phil. 2:12-18

The Bible draws a sharp line between the church and the world. In the Letter to the Philippians the contrast is between an illuminating church and a dark world, between a church obedient to God and a world in disregard of God. It is a startling notion to think of the church as not like the world, for the church has often tried to be like the world. We have copied both the fearful reactionaries of the world and the angry radicals of the world. We have often derived our values and loyalties from the ways of the world. The question is still open: can we be a different community with very different values and loyalties? The possibilities are mind-boggling!

A PROPHET: WITH OR WITHOUT HONOR?

The prophetic words of love and justice uttered by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. during his lifetime are still alive in the hearts of people everywhere. A bullet silenced him but did not diminish the power of the truth he spoke.

Everything about this man's life showed that he lived closer to God than most people realized. He bore more than his share of humiliation, danger, and persecution, but he never lost sight of his goal. We knew him as a prophet of non-violence. It would not be inaccurate to refer to him as a non-violent revolutionary on the model of Jesus himself. These are his words, "Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and to go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal opposition to poverty, racism, and militarism."

We also knew him as a "dreamer." He worked for a universal community. He declared, "This call for a world-wide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class, and nation is in reality a call for an all-embracing and unconditional love for all men. This often misunderstood and misinterpreted concept has now become an absolute necessity for the survival of man." Shall we heed the words of this twentieth-century prophet?

—*Rev. Kermit E. Overton,* Minister
First African Presbyterian Church
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January 20, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Father, Before Thy Throne We Bow Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (unison)
We accept your invitation, our Lord, not just to this weekly meeting, but to your love and your life. We accept your command to love and serve you and one another. Here make us wise and strong for that service. Amen
Choral Introit Father, We Praise Thee
* Hymn Tune 429 "Grant us, Father, Now to Sing" (insert)

THE LIVING WORD
A Litany of Christ's Commandments (insert)
Anthem Solo The Good Shepherd van de Water
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)
New Testament Reading John 1:35-51

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

THE SPOKEN WORD
Ritual of Friendship
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"
Sermon "In Jesus, Philip saw all the ancient promises kept, all the searching questions answered. Philip believed; and when the Master called, he followed. But first he..."

A LITANY OF CHRIST'S COMMANDMENTS

Repent and believe the good news.
FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.
Rejoice and be exceeding glad.
FOR GREAT IS YOUR REWARD IN HEAVEN.
Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven.
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
Be at peace with one another.
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
Resist not evil.
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
Love your enemies.
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
Bless them that curse you.
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
Do good to them that hate you.
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
Pray for them that despitefully use you and persecute you.
THAT YOU MAY BE CHILDREN OF YOUR FATHER
WHO IS IN HEAVEN.
All things whatsoever you would that men should do unto you, do you even so unto them.
THAT YOU MAY BE BROTHERS OF THE SON OF GOD.
Go proclaim the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.
THAT YOU MAY BE BROTHERS OF THE SON OF GOD.
Freely give.
THAT YOU MAY BE BROTHERS OF THE SON OF GOD.
Go unto all the world and preach the good news to every creature.
THAT YOU MAY BE BROTHERS OF THE SON OF GOD
AND THAT HE MAY BE WITH YOU ALWAYS.

AN OPENING HYMN

(Tune: Eternal Father, strong to save)

O Grant us Father now to sing
Our deepest joys and hopes to bring.
Lift up our hearts, and let us be
Before thee here in honesty.
In all we sing and feel and pray
We seek thy presence here today.

For happy lives, for pleasant days,
For times of joy we give thee praise.
But too, for pain that made us grow
In ways that then we could not know.
For gifts we did not recognize;
For blessings that escaped our eyes.

So father, as we worship thee
Enliven us and set us free.
Free, here to think and feel and know
And then to let these blessings flow;
To give and touch and love and care
That all our living may be "prayer".

-Cliff Schutter

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory In Thee is Gladness Brahms

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 322 "Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

* Postlude Fantasia in G Major Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth
7:00 Senior Hi Youth

THE CONGREGATION is invited to attend an ecumenical Service of Worship, in recognition of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, Wednesday evening at 7:30 at Blessed Sacrament Church.

THE LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP, Burlington District, meets Thursday evening at 7:00 at Long's Chapel Church.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Polly Marino at Duke, Miss Nina Matlock, Mrs. W. L. Oakley, and Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Memorial.

THE ANNUAL MEETING is next Sunday evening at 7:30. All standing committees meet at 6:45.



SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 20, 1974**

II Cor. 5:16-21

We are beset with barriers which block the view, stop communication, and keep life tense and partial. The list is endless: male-female, white-black, Arab-Israeli, Catholic-Protestant, parent-child, "free world"-Communist. It is so hard to trust, harder to risk; and so we become defensive and resistant. Paul reminds the church that it doesn't have to be that way. It isn't supposed to be that way. God has a vision of life without barriers, of people getting together apart from fear and mistrust. Almost cryptically Paul writes: It's your job to change the way life is and make it what it is intended to be. It is God's work to restore relations and it's our work, too!

A WITNESS TO THE UNITY WE CLAIM

Christians—both Protestants and Roman Catholics—often claim to be fulfillers of Christ's prayer for his disciples: "that they may all be one." Such a claim to unity, however, is often denied by the tangible evidence of our continued separateness.

Increasingly, we are finding ways to overcome this separateness. We are discovering that when we work side-by-side in a common ministry, our unity is strengthened. A case in point is to be found in Spectrum House, a drug-rehabilitation facility located in Shirley, Massachusetts. Directed by Father Raymond Shashaty, it has received technical assistance from the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization, which is supported by Protestant and Roman Catholic agencies.

The staff of Spectrum House works with police, courts, jails, hospitals, schools, and a variety of self-help programs to help thirty-one resident members. One factor in the successful Spectrum House program is the fact that the staff members are themselves all graduates of various drug-rehabilitation programs. They know from hard personal experience how difficult it is to switch from drugs to some less self-destructive way of coping with life's pressures and problems. The family-like healing atmosphere at Spectrum House offers addicts a chance for return to normalcy.

Yet, to what kind of normal life can any rehabilitation program return a former addict? Too often, it is the "normalcy" of poverty, ignorance, unemployment, prejudice, and injustice. By working together to find permanent solutions to such problems as these, as well as by our encouragement of short-range remedial programs such as Spectrum House, we Christians are bearing witness to the unity we claim.

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January 27, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Chaconne in G Major Walther

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Isaiah 61:1-3
Prayer of Invocation (unison)
Thank you, God, for showing us in human face and loving action how your great power is exercised in patience and mercy. Gladly we come to your worship. Bless us here with the strength it takes to do your holy will. Amen
Choral Introit Praise Ye the Lord
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE LIVING WORD
A Litany on Love (insert)
Anthem Sing Unto Him Junior Choir
New Testament Reading I Corinthians 15:1-11

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 410 "O Brother Man" Tune 411
Sermon "From prelude to postlude, the accent is upon remembering worthwhile moments out of our past and anticipating new opportunities open to us through Christ."

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem O God, Our Help in Ages Past
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

A LITANY ON LOVE

Pastor: If we speak well or wisely, but don't love;
PEOPLE: We are merely noisy!

Pastor: If we are smart and have perfect faith, but don't love;
PEOPLE: We are good for nothing!

Pastor: If we give everything away, even ourselves, but don't love;
PEOPLE: We aren't doing anything at all.

Pastor: God, save us from conceit, jealousy, bad temper, and selfishness.
PEOPLE: Love is patient. Love has good manners.

Pastor: God, save us from too much evil-watching.
PEOPLE: Love enjoys truth.

Pastor: God, save us from giving up or giving in.
PEOPLE: Love keeps on loving.

Pastor: Love lasts.
PEOPLE: Love outlasts everything else.

Pastor: God is love.
PEOPLE: So let us love one another.

Pastor: Faith, hope, and love are all good.
PEOPLE: But love is the greatest!

AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING

January 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Devotions — led by Junior Hi Youth
Singing of favorite hymns
The Statement of Faith in rhythmic movement

Opening Remarks — Louis Wilkins, Moderator

Reading the Minutes — Mrs. Jackie Matlock, Secretary

Review of the Annual Reports

Introduction of Mr. Albert Haskins — Dr. Philip Mann

Other items of congregational concern
Greetings from the Sloans
Introduction of the new Moderator for 1974
Distribution of 1974 Membership Directories

Closing Prayer — Dr. J. E. Danieley

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

Benediction

Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

Postlude Selected

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TODAY:
- 4:30 Acolytes
- 5:00 Confirmation Class
- 6:00 Junior Hi Youth
- 6:45 All elected committees of the church
- 7:00 Senior Hi Youth
- 7:30 Annual Congregational Meeting

THE COMMITTEES of the church meet at 6:45 this evening, followed by the congregational meeting at 7:30. The anticipated agenda items are printed on the bulletin insert. The Annual Reports are available as you leave this morning.

WEDNESDAY, the Women's Bible Study is at 9:30. Jr. Choir rehearses at 3:30 and the Adult Choir at 7:30.

CUB PACK 51 meets in the Parish House Thursday evening at 7:00.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. W. L. Oakley and Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Memorial.

DURING FEBRUARY, our Services of Worship will be broadcast over radio station WEBB.



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **January 27, 1974**

Eph. 3:1-12

At the reading of a will, only special folks are invited, only family and intimate friends. They are the heirs and all the others are excluded. The church always struggles with the question of who has a right to be the insider and who must be excluded. We have a propensity to draw lines that exclude all those not like us, because they scare us or because they haven't paid the price we have. The Bible at its best affirms that all whom we regard as outsiders are God's insiders. All are invited to read the will, all are to share in the promise. This raises interesting questions about our own inheritance if we shut out and disapprove those whom God counts in.

A LITTLE HELP HELPS A LOT

Peter White Shield, an American Indian of the Assiniboine Tribe who comes from Montana, always wanted to be a lawyer. But when Peter graduated from the University of Montana his dreams for the future began to fade. Peter's father had died and family responsibilities have prevented him from saving up the funds necessary to pay for three years of law school. It seemed that he would have to settle for some other kind of future. Yet recently, Peter graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and, since passing his bar examination, he has been working in an information service for Indian tribes and communities, helping them to recover their rights under the laws of the land, many of them rights which have been ignored for nearly a century.

You may wonder how Peter was able to continue his education. The answer is that indirectly you helped him, for Peter received a $500 partial scholarship from United Scholarship Service, Inc. of Denver, Colorado, which provided the difference between a government scholarship and his actual financial needs. This partial scholarship was provided in part from funds which were channeled through our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries and the United Church of Christ Council for American Indian Ministry. In this same way you help hundreds of other American Indian young people in their search for college and graduate-school training, nearly 500 of them each year.

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February 3, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Fugue in E^b Major Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation (in unison)
Almighty God: in Jesus Christ you have blessed us much beyond our deserving. Be among us as we worship so that, remembering your Son who lived with us, we may live for you. In the Name of Jesus, we pray. Amen

* Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Reading Psalm 111
The Statement of Faith (responsively)
Anthem Praise Ye The Lord Ivanoff
New Testament Reading Mark 6:1-13

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
Sermon "The Bible often serves as a mirror in which we can see ourselves. Do you see yourself in the responses of the people in Jesus' home town?"

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio from Concerto in A Minor Bach
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 60 "Savior, Again to thy Dear Name"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Hughes in memory of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hughes and also Dr. and Mrs. Fred Emerson.

TODAY: 1:30 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth Sunday participants
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch", except Circle 5 meets with Mrs. Wilkins.

THIS MONTH, our Services of Worship are broadcast over radio station WBBB. Please help us to notify any ill or confined members of the church and community.

CUB PACK 51 meets Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Parish House.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. W. L. Oakley and Mrs. Martha Whitesell at Memorial.

COPIES of the 1974 Yearbook of Annual Reports and Membership Directory are available in the narthex.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 3, 1974**

NEW LIFE

Rom. 7:1-6

Life is safer and more convenient if we can reduce it to manageable proportions. The purpose of rules is to regularize things so that we can plan and control—and some of that is needed. But reducing life to rules can be killing. If we do this in our families or in our churches or in our government, we will eliminate newness and surprise. Rules can make every form of newness bad and every kind of surprise a threat. The more we are in control, the more we like rules. It's an exciting time in the church today because God's spirit is at work. This scares us sometimes and offends us. But surprises do all kinds of things to us and even the offensive surprises may be from the Spirit of God.

SITTING ON YOUR RESOURCES?

You have heard of the person reported to have
frozen to death while sitting on a lump of coal?
Will you be one of God's frozen people
or one of God's chosen people?
God's chosen people are those who elect
to do something with what they have.

A cross may not be part of your resources.
For Jesus it was. As George Bernard
Shaw observed, "Somehow he got hold of
the right end of it." Our Master is
our model.
Get in touch with your resources . . .
your interests, abilities, skills, weaknesses,
strengths;
your world, your learning opportunities;
your life attitude and how it gets acted out in
life-style, life-work and life-play.

Don't get caught dead sitting on your resources.
Think of what you can do with what you have,
Think of what God can do with what you have,
Through one of the ministries to the world offered by
church careers!

—*L. Eugene Brown,* Director of Career Service
Department of Ministry & Worship
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

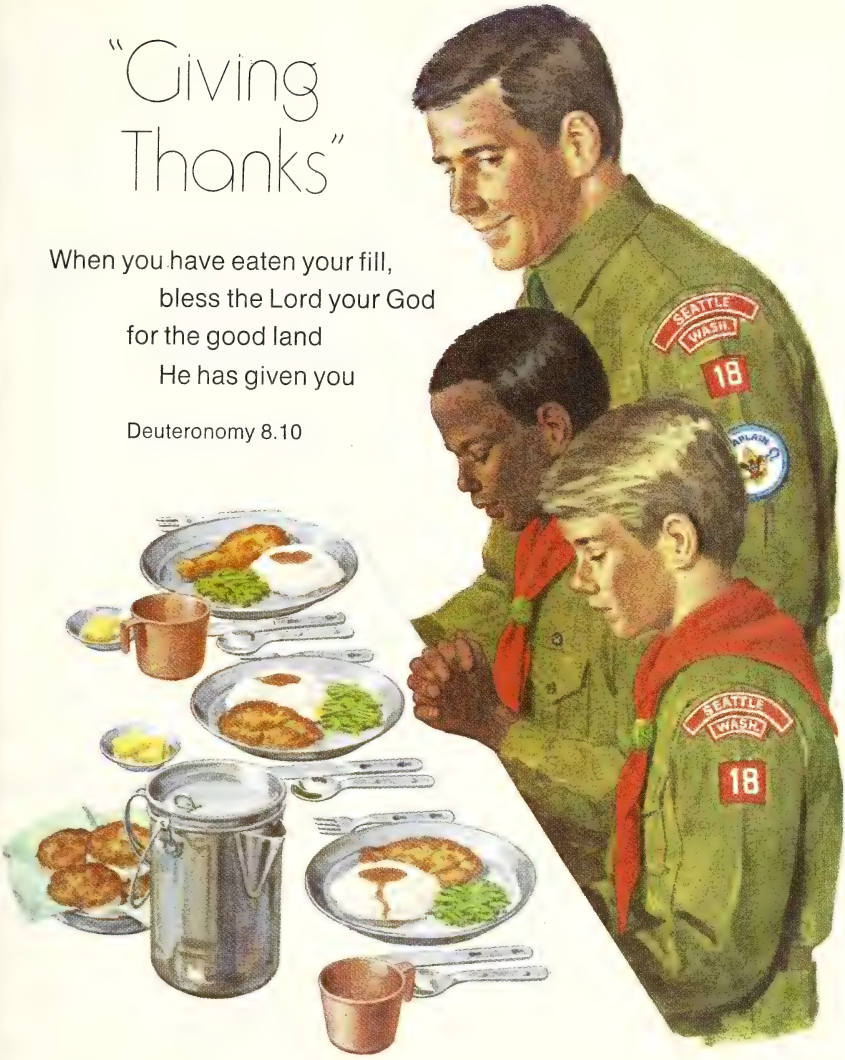
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"Giving Thanks"

When you have eaten your fill,
bless the Lord your God
for the good land
He has given you

Deuteronomy 8.10



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February 10, 1974 YOUTH SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Praise To the Lord, the Almighty Walther

CHORAL INTROIT "I Am a Rock"

UNISON READING ON TRUST Joseph Gminder

I trust you.
I, being me, risk losing all
when abandonment occurs.
You, the trusted other,
receive unsought a gift.
Then waters merge,
nations meet,
land encounters sky,
relation happens.

*HYMN 338 "Give to the Wind" (tune 300)

WELCOME Joseph Gminder

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 14:22-33 Louise Latta

LITANY OF TRUST (insert) Joseph Gminder

CHILDREN'S SERMON Jane Danieley
(Questionnaire filled out by congregation)

*HYMN "They'll Know We Are Christians" (insert)

MORNING PRAYER Cindy Rinker

DIALOGUES ON TRUST

ANTHEM Pass it On Kaiser

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS

We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, We are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Chorus
And they'll know we are Christians by our love,
by our love, Yes they'll know we are Christians
by our love.

We will walk with each other, We will walk hand
in hand,
We will walk with each other, We will walk hand
in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in
our land. (chorus)

We will work with each other, We will work side
by side,
We will work with each other, We will work side
by side,
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each
man's pride. (chorus)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
(chorus)

LITANY OF TRUST

Leader: What is trust?

PEOPLE: Trust is opening myself, opening myself to the risk of being hurt or disappointed.

Leader: How can I trust?

PEOPLE: I must recognize each person as an individual and respect his right to be different. I should be willing to listen, to believe, and to have full confidence in another person.

Leader: Whom should I trust?

PEOPLE: I should put my trust, first, in God. I should give my neighbor the opportunity to prove himself, the opportunity to share the trust that I offer.

Leader: Why should I trust?

PEOPLE: In order to earn my neighbor's trust I must be able to offer my trust to him. This exchange of trust can enable me to be a more responsive person - to myself and to others.

QUESTIONNAIRE
(underline your choice)

1. You have missed some money lately. Your son has just bought some new records. You ask him where he got the money, and he replies, "Doing errands and odd jobs for the last month."
   You (do) really believe him.
   (do not)

2. Your daughter arrives home three hours late from a date with a boy with whom she has gone out before. She has always returned on time before. She says that they had car trouble and had trouble finding help.
   You (do) believe her.
   (do not)

3. Your son borrowed a valuable book, and carelessly left it somewhere. It could not be found. He says that he has learned his lesson, and wishes to borrow a valuable antique for a class demonstration. He promises to take good care of it.
   You (would) give permission.
   (would not)

4. You accidentally discover that your mother has been shoplifting. Your father holds a responsible position in the community, and could lose it if the secret became known.
   You (would) talk with your mother about it.
   (would not)

5. You see your friend with an item that resembles one you misplaced previously.
   You (would) assume he had stolen it.
   (would not)

continued

6. You and your (girlfriend/boyfriend) have an argument.
You (would / would not) feel free to discuss it with your parents.

As a parent, you (would / would not) want your son or daughter to discuss it with you.

TRUST OFFERING

Offertory — Pastorale — Thompson

* Doxology and Dedication of Gifts — Cindy Rinker

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE — Rigaudon — Campra

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign our Guest Register in the narthex. Seated as a group are the scouts and den leaders of Cub Pack 51, sponsored by our church.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Philip Mann in memory of his father, Gaither Clayton Mann.

WE ARE PLEASED to have the youth of our church lead our Service on this Youth Sunday.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth
7:00 Senior Hi Youth at the Greene's

THE CONGREGATION has been invited to attend the Service of Marriage for C. Lynn Barney and David A. Denny on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.

OTHER: Our Services of Worship are broadcast this month over radio station WBBB...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...The Christian Education Committee meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 at Miss Grubb's home...On Wednesday the Junior Choir meets at 3:15 and the Adult Choir covered-dish dinner is at 6:00...Miss Georgie Moore and Mrs. W. L. Oakley are patients at Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Jane Rinker enters County Hospital today...Family Night is next Sunday evening from 7-9.

YOUTH PARTICIPANTS

Guest Register:	Olga Griswold
Greeters:	Brenda Epps, Kathy Latta
Ushers:	Clayton Mann
	Tom Hamilton
	Joe Meravy
	Joe McLelland
	Steve Perry
Organist:	Jane Danieley
Pianist:	Joy Hamilton
Youth Advisors:	John and Gale Greene

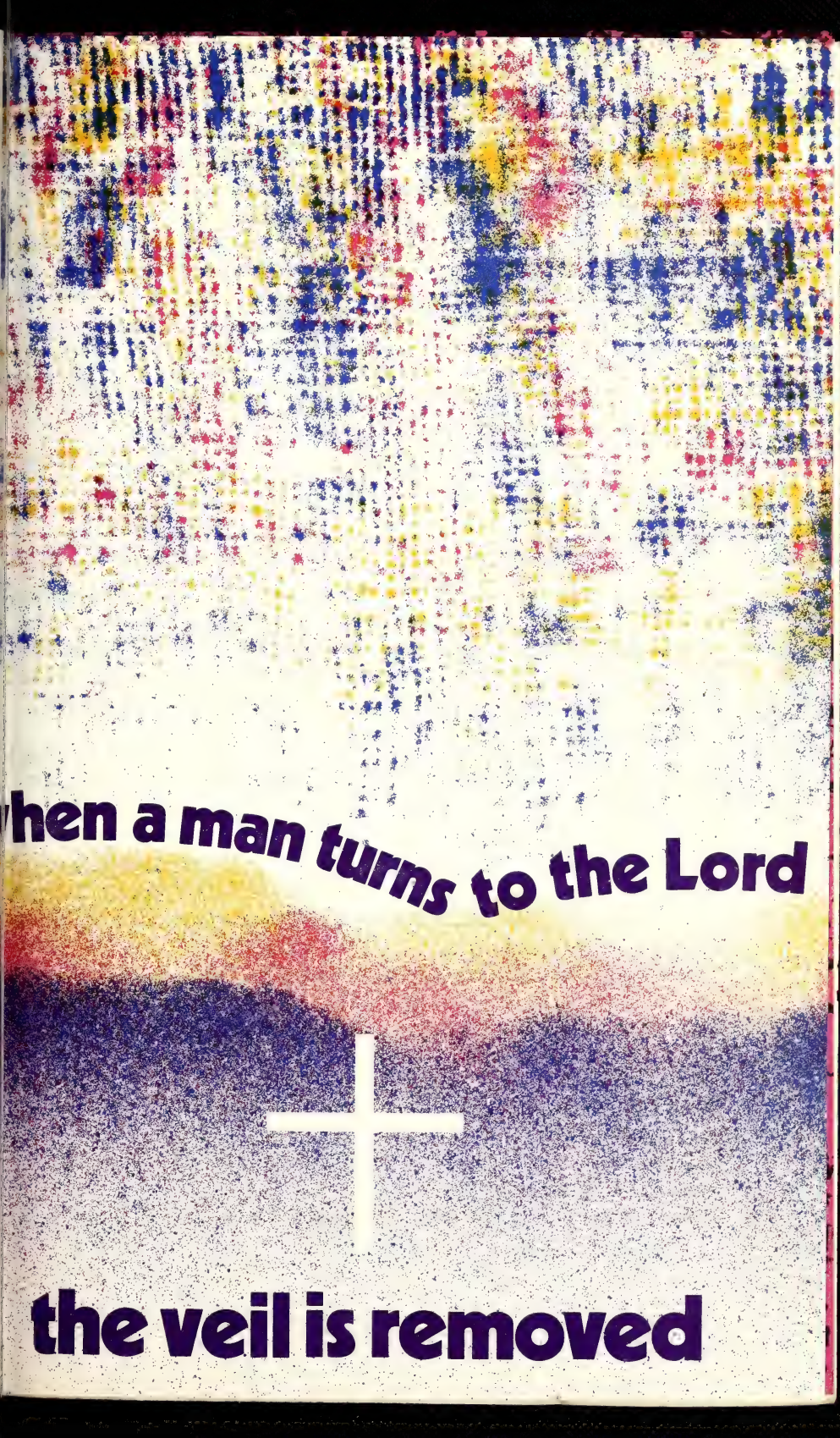
Worship Leaders

Joseph Gminder
Louise Latta
Cindy Rinker
Brenda Epps
Mark Rinker
Lena Latta
Ann Reaves
Lynne Fogleman
Kathy Latta
David Seamster
Olga Griswold
Karen Howe

Choir

Curtis Andrews
Peggy Andrews
Sherri Andrews
Susan Barney
Lynne Fogleman
Bunny Goude
Trudy Goude
Patsy Griswold
Olga Griswold
Dawn Houston
Teresa Howell
Blanche Latta
Lora Miles
Jackie Robinson
David Seamster
Jenny Seamster
Randy Turner
Donnie Umphrey
Linda Zufall

Chaplains of all faiths are present at jamborees.
The 1973 Jamboree will be in two locations:
Jamboree-West, Farragut State Park, Idaho (August 1-7)
Jamboree-East, Moraine State Park, Pa. (August 3-9)


hen a man turns to the Lord
the veil is removed

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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Esther Gminder and Faye McLelland, Acolytes

February 17, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Elegie Peeters

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Our Father, we confess our failures in faith. We have not been firm in our convictions nor have we trusted you as we should. We have not sought your will in all things. Forgive our faltering faith, we ask in the name of Jesus.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Lesson Exodus 34:29-35
The Statement of Faith (responsively)
Anthem Who Shall Ascend the Hill of the Lord Berger
New Testament Reading II Corinthians 3:12-18

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
The Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Thanks Be To Thee Handel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 438 "O God, Beneath Thy Guiding Hand"

Sermon The word "lost" may not apply to you anymore. That's a pity, because Jesus came looking for lost people.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 451 "Turn Back, O Man"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mr. and Mrs. David Alan Denny whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

TODAY 5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth
7:00 Music Committee

PERSONS who will help prepare the Lenten Devotional Guides are asked to meet in front of the pulpit following the morning Worship Service.

THE FAMILY NIGHT Square Dance is scheduled for this evening from 7 to 9. Come and enjoy the evening as a dancer or as a watcher. All ages will be participating.

ON FRIDAY, fifteen Junior Hi young people and three adults will arrive from Grace UCC, Newton, to visit here for the weekend.

OTHER Mrs. W. L. Oakley and Miss Georgie Moore are patients at Memorial Hospital...Our Services of Worship this month are being broadcast over WBBB.



the veil is removed

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 17, 1974**

II Cor. 3:12-18

Phony expectations and unreal values blind our vision. Our rigid notions of what makes us human are like spiritual cataracts over our eyes. The writers of the Bible struggle frequently with the need to be responsible, yet they are aware of the danger of forcing everybody into narrow notions of what is good and right and acceptable. Coming to terms with Jesus and with his promises makes a difference. Folks who do come to those terms experience new freedom, new power to see things as they are, new openness to the unexpected, and acceptance of the unacceptable. Of course it's high risk, and we may prefer our blinders and our undisturbed partial vision. But think of it—to see clearly!

THE CROSS OF THE COVENANTS

Several years ago, during Lent, some 85 persons crowded into the basement of St. John's United Church of Christ in Coopersburg, Pennsylvania, to join in a Seder Passover meal under the direction of the wife of a local rabbi. The event was publicized as a "Jewish Seder in a Christian Church—the Forerunner of the Holy Communion," and the room was crowded. It was stressed that the Seder is a combination of religious ritual, good fellowship, and an exercise in religious history, and that everyone should feel free to participate, from the youngest child to the oldest patriarch. The response of the congregation was overwhelmingly favorable. At the center of the head table was a unique symbol, the Cross of the Covenants, a traditional Celtic Cross with the Star of David superimposed upon it.

Credit for the design of this Cross goes to Rev. William R. Simmons, pastor of the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church, Shelter Island, New York. He created the design while attending seminary in Chicago. He was—and is—concerned with the anti-Semitic sentiment and activity which still permeates our society today.

The Cross of the Covenants is a reminder to Christians that their faith has roots deeply imbedded in the rich soil of ancient Israel; that the God and Father of the Lord Jesus Christ is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; that Jews and Christians share the treasure of God's love and concern.

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February 24, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE When in the Hour of Deepest Need Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Gracious God, we confess that we have failed to live as loving children. We add up our enemies one by one, but seldom count our blessings. In love, help us to make friends of our enemies and so fulfill your will in brotherhood.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 446 "God the Omnipotent"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Lesson Micah 6
The Statement of Faith (in unison)
Anthem He Comes To Us Jane Marshall
New Testament Reading Romans 5:1-11

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
The Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Jesu, Meine Freud Bach
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 434 "God Send Us Men Whose Aim Will Be"

THE ANTHEM

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,
as of old, by the lakeside, he came to those
who knew him not.

He speaks to us, he speaks the same word:
"Follow! Follow! Follow thou me!"
and sets us to the task which he has to fulfill
for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey him,
whether they be wise or simple,
he will reveal himself in the toils,
the conflicts, the sufferings
which they shall pass through in his fellowship,
and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn
in their own experience who he is.

Text by Dr. Albert Schweitzer

Music by Jane M. Marshall

LENT - 74

EACH WEDNESDAY at noon we shall meet for our Lenten Studies. The focus will be on the "Seven Last Words of Christ" and the sessions will be led by Dr. Fields, Dr. Hurst, Dr. Elzey, Dr. Synder and our Pastor. This Wednesday, Mr. Hamilton will lead the study on "Father, Forgive Them".

Bring your sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided. We plan to dismiss by 1:15.

ASH WEDNESDAY is February 27. Several of our congregations will join for worship at Edgewood Church at 7:30 p.m. The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated.

THE ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE will be held at First Christian UCC on Friday, March 1, at 10:30.

THE LENTEN SERMONS are on the theme of "Our Walk With Jesus". Next Sunday we will go "To Gaza (with Philip)".

DAILY DEVOTIONS written by our membership will be prepared for the last two or three weeks of Lent. Persons who wish to write a devotional for one day are asked to get information from Miss Grubb.

Sermon "Which way do you choose to live: 'What I have written, I have written' or 'What I have written can be transformed'?"

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 411 "Lord God of Hosts, Whose Purpose..."

Benediction

Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

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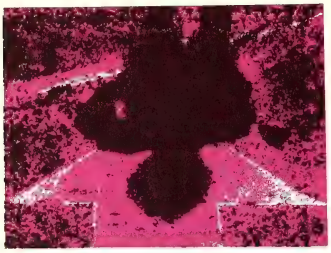
TODAY 5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Worship Committee

WE ARE PLEASED to have 17 youth and adult visitors with us this weekend from Grace UCC, Newton. The Pastor, Rev. Edouard Taylor, is assisting in our Service today.

HOSPITALIZED Miss Georgie Moore at Memorial, Burlington and Mrs. Susan Barbee at Memorial, Chapel Hill.

AN ORIENTATION CLASS for new members will begin next Sunday during the church school hour. Persons who are considering church membership here are encouraged to come.

OTHER The Building Committee meets Tuesday evening at 7:30...The Blue and Gold Banquet for Cub Pack 51 is Thursday evening in the Parish House...Daily Devotional Guides for Mar.-Apr. are available in narthex.



SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY **February 24, 1974**

I Pet. 4:1-6

Christians are people under discipline. God's will does not correspond to whatever we feel like doing or to whatever our culture values at the moment. How does our conduct differ from that of other people? Obviously there is a notion among us, in the church and outside the church, that we can do anything we can get by with. The New Left celebrates freedom in personal morality to do what is natural. The Old Right champions economic freedom to exploit anybody to get what can be got. God's will promises perfect freedom, but it is freedom under discipline. In the church we can usefully begin a fresh exploration of freedom and discipline as an act of faith.

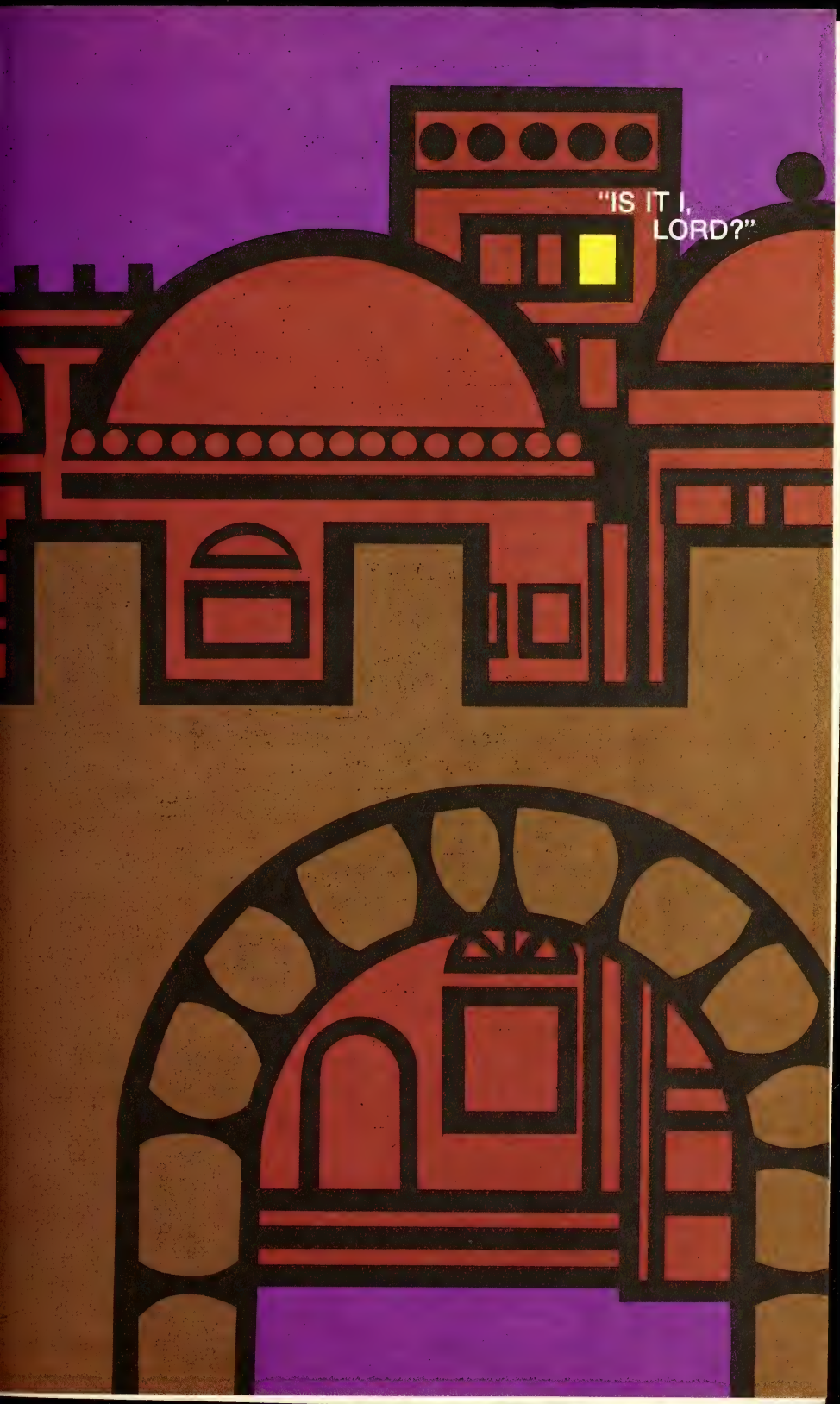
ECOLOGICAL QUESTIONS IN TURKEY

In Turkey, as in other developing countries, the reading of books is often seen as a luxury and not as a source of enlightenment or of sheer enjoyment. In this kind of situation, the Redhouse Press, founded a hundred years ago by our Near East Mission, continues to play an important pioneering role in providing books, not only for the new reader, but for the general population as well.

A new Life Around You series includes books which deal with the birds, the mammals, the mountains, and the forests of Turkey. Approved for sale and use in all Turkish schools by the Ministry of Education, the books give opportunity to discuss such questions as: What is the meaning of life? What is man's responsibility to himself and to other living creatures? What does the natural world have to say to man in his predicament? How can one relate to the origin of all life?

This Redhouse Press series, which was partially underwritten by gifts which members of the United Church of Christ gave through the Family Thank Offering, represents an important advance in intercultural communication. Many of the contacts which have resulted from the project have taken on profound implications. Man's responsibility to God's world—his use and preservation of the natural resources—is one of the growing emphases around the world. To bridge the gulf which separates Christians and Muslims, as well as the gulf which separates the rich and poor, and the developing and developed nations, is indeed a gigantic task. But it is one in which you are having a part.

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"IS IT I,
LORD?"

EDGEWOOD UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

7:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday 27 February 1974

Ministers: Albert Grinder, Thomas Hamilton
Organist: Mrs. Edgar Harris
Choir Director: Mrs. Charles Bingenheimer

ORGAN PRELUDE "Prelude in D Minor" Bach

SILENT MEDITATION: Thou art merciful to all, O Lord, and dost overlook men's sins, that they may repent. For thou lovest all things that exist, and hast loathing for none of the things which thou hast made, for thou wouldst not have made anything if thou hadst hated it.

INVITATION TO WORSHIP

HYMN #153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (verses 1 and 2)

RESPONSIVE PRAYER (Ministers and Congregation):

O God the Father, Creator of the universe,
HAVE MERCY ON US.
O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
HAVE MERCY ON US.
O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
HAVE MERCY ON US.
For blindness to your truth and persistence in selfishness,
HAVE MERCY ON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.
For envy, hatred, and anger; for all evil thoughts and desires,
HAVE MERCY ON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.
For failure to love and serve our fellowman; for prejudice and contempt toward others,
HAVE MERCY ON US AND FORGIVE US, O LORD.
That you will strengthen your church in every land, and unite all people in true faith,
WE PRAY YOU, O LORD.
That your church may strive not for her own safety, but for the world's salvation, seeking only your kingdom and your righteousness,
WE PRAY YOU, O LORD.

COMMUNION SERVICE

Invitation

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

Giving of the Bread and the Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving: We give Thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of your Son, Jusus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of your Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

HYMN #153 "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (verses 3 and 4)

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE :"Fugue" Dandrieu

That we your people may understand and believe your Word, and that our lives may bear testimony to your goodness,
WE PRAY YOU, O LORD.
That we may rightly use your holy sacraments and be strengthened in body and soul by your heavenly grace,
WE PRAY YOU, O LORD.
That all nations may live together in peace, and all men dwell together in brotherhood,
WE PRAY YOU, O LORD.
That your comfort may uphold all who are ill, that your wisdom may give guidance to all who are perplexed or afraid, that your providence may draw from you courage and faith to meet the struggles of life,
WE PRAY YOU, O LORD.
O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God,
HAVE MERCY ON US AND GRANT US YOUR PEACE.
AMEN.

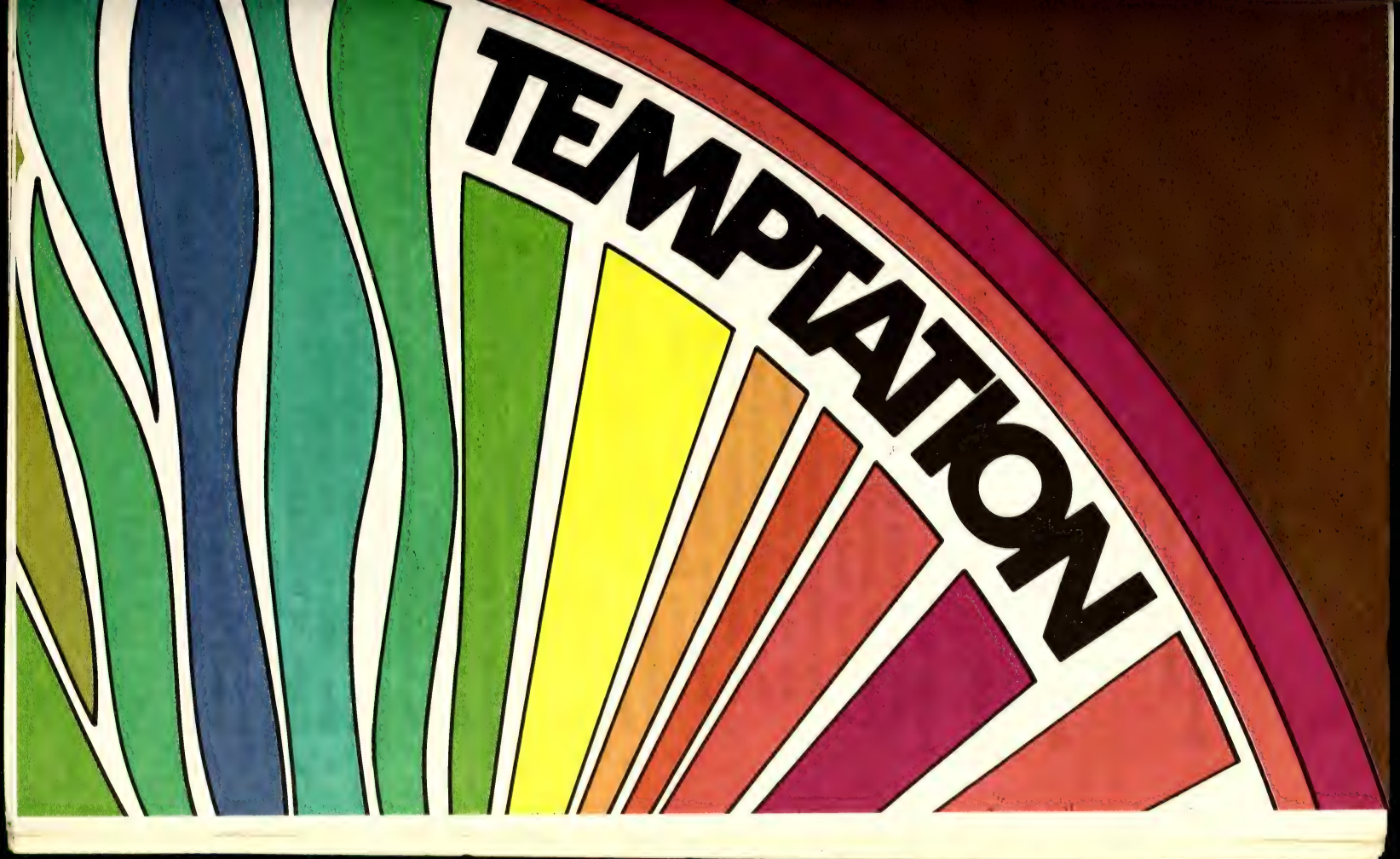
ANTHEM: "Open our eyes"
SCRIPTURE LESSON
SERMON — Mr. Hamilton
STATEMENT OF FAITH
EVENING PRAYERS
THE LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven:
holy by your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us in the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory. Amen.

ENING OFFERING
Offertory "Agnus Dei" — Bizet



In an upper room made holy by the events which were soon to transpire, the Master made the sorrowful accusation, "One of you will betray me." The response of the disciples was, on its most superficial level, human and defensive. But was it not also more? Did it not penetrate to the very heart of their faith? "Is it I, Lord?" each one of them asked.

Our upper room may be the memory-filled sanctuary of a familiar church or the simple kitchen of someone's home. Either one can become holy for us on this occasion as we remember the final events of Jesus' life. His accusation still rings true, "One of you will betray me." "Betray? How could I, Lord?" And yet when the simplicity of the upper room experience strips us of all pretense, we are not so sure. Time and again, by what we have done or left undone, each one of us has betrayed our Lord. We haven't meant to. We have only been human. "Is it I, Lord? Is it I?"


TEMPTATION

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March 3, 1974 First Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Christ, Savior of the World Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Our Father, we may not have committed gross sins, but we have not been honest about little things. We continually disappoint you, and ourselves, and are ashamed that we have not reflected the light and life we have seen in the face of Jesus. Forgive us, for his sake. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" (st. 1-4)

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Lesson Genesis 28:10-17
The Statement of Faith (in unison)
New Testament Reading Acts 8:26-40

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
The Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Father, Now Before Thy Throne Smidt
* Hymn 404 "Take My Life and Let it Be"
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Moments of Concern Mr. Wilkins
* Hymn 295 "Christ for the World, We Sing"

MOMENTS OF CONCERN
The World and You

Here are some interesting facts that your United Church Board for World Ministries asks you to consider when deciding upon the amount of your gift to the "One Great Hour of Sharing-Share Our Substance" annual all-church offering:

If the whole world were a village of 1,000 people:
sixty would be Americans; the remainder would represent the rest of the world.
303 people would be white.
330 people would be Christian.
500 of the villagers would be unable to read or write.
800 people would be constantly hungry and sickly.

The sixty Americans in this village would have:
twelve times as much electrical power.
fifty times as much steel.
a life-expectancy in years of almost twice as long as the other people.
one-half the total income.

Of the sixty Americans, the lowest income group among these Americans would be better off than the average of the remaining 940 villagers because:
the per capita income in the U.S.A. is $3,520 per year.
the per capita income in Asia is $425 per year.
the per capita income in South America is $405 per year.
the per capita income in Africa is $160 per year.

Your United Church Board for World Ministries, therefore, asks you to aid in the work of development in the more than forty countries that is made possible through your gifts to the "One Great Hour of Sharing-Share Our Substance" offering.

Special offering envelopes will be made available for our use on March 24.

Sermon Walking With Jesus
II To Gaza with Philip

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 177 "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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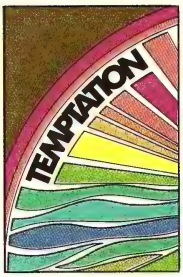
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Melva Foster in memory of her mother, Mrs. Ersley S. Foster.

TODAY: 4:00 Vivaldi's "Gloria" at Whitley
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth
7:00 Senior Hi Youth
7:30 Executive Board, Women's Fellowship
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY this week is on "The Word of Assurance" and will be led by the Pastor. Bring your sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

CHILDREN in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the Arts Project for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Come to the Parish House on Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30.

THE ORIENTATION CLASS for new members meets again next Sunday at 9:45 with the Pastor. Persons who are considering church membership are urged to attend.



FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT **March 3, 1974**

1 Cor. 10:1-13

Lent is a time when we are called to toughness in our faith. Toughness means to be where we would rather not be, without resources we would rather have, all because we trust God. The classic temptation is seen in the case of Israel in the wilderness without food, without water, with only freedom and the promise of God's presence and power. We who make up the church are called to take risks of freedom with only his promise. By most standards such risks seem foolish and we are tempted to settle for less risky ways and yet we are tempted not to give in. What might such tempting risks be for you?

A TIME FOR TURNING

Do you remember old Gerald O'Hara in *Gone With The Wind?* After O'Hara came to an unhappy end, a neighbor commented on his life. "There warn't nothin' that come to him from the *outside* could lick him . . . he could be licked from the *inside.*" He meant to say that what the whole world couldn't do, a person's own heart could. All of us are like Gerald O'Hara. We have the same weaknesses and failings. There's nothing that can lick us, any more than it could lick him. Not "Yankees, nor Carpetbaggers, nor hard times, nor high taxes, nor even downright starvation." But the weakness that's in our hearts can beat us down, if we are unprepared. It can lick us in the time that it takes to bat an eye.

Let us use the discipline of Lent to turn the weakness in our hearts to strength through the fellowship and presence of Christ.

—*Rev. Gerald M. Ford,* Pastor
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REPENTANCE

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March 10, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Royal Banners Forward Go Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregation)
Gracious God, we have been given life but have not lived; we have been called to freedom but have found the burden too heavy. In fear and pride we also have turned from you to serve other lords. Forgive us and restore us in faith for the sake of Christ. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pastor)
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Lesson Amos 3:1-8
The Statement of Faith (in unison)
New Testament Reading Mark 8:27-9:1
Anthem Awake, Arise, Go Forth Junior Choir

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unison)
The Choral Response Almighty Father, Hear Our Prayer

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem Create in Me a Clean Heart Mueller
* Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ" (stanza 1)
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Moments of Concern Joy Hamilton and Cindy Rinker

MOMENTS OF CONCERN

It may doubtless be unfair that the world, grown accustomed to the humanitarian impulses of the United States, should again look to our government, churches, and people for help. It is doubtless unfair that within America the burden of responsibility should be directed to Christians.

But on the other hand, it is right and to be expected that the world should look in our direction: The Judeo-Christian concern for others has been a basic ethic of our people.

Starvation is the basic threat to humankind. From the vacuum of silence that is the characteristic of famine and of situations of endemic malnutrition rise the atrocious diseases of the earth: cholera, plague, and typhoid. But bread, though it is the immediate answer to hunger, is not the ultimate answer.

In every age, only people who are free, or who conceive themselves to be on the way to freedom, find a responsive earth beneath their plows. We don't know why this is so. But we do know that Church World Service, supported by One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, has found that to struggle against tyranny and injustice is, in the long run, to provide the best weapon against hunger.

Now, whenever possible Church World Service tries to equip people, not merely to service, but to live, "not to feed a man a fish for a day, but to teach him to fish so that he may feed his family for a lifetime."

What would you do if...

You live in a rural area near Manila, the Philippines. You learn that a farmer friend who lives far away has a much poorer rice crop yield than yours.

Would you:

___Offer your sympathy?
___Send some money to feed the family?
___Offer some of your rice?

* Hymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"
Sermon Walking With Jesus
III To Caesarea Philippi

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 318 "Draw Thou My Soul, O Christ"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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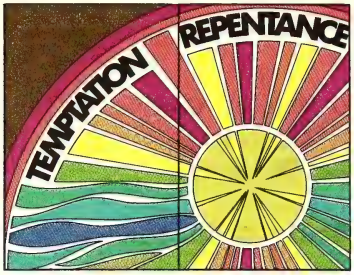
TODAY 3:30 - 5:30 Senior Hi Youth at gym of Elon Home for Children
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi youth go bowling
7:30 Deacons meet with Building Committee

MONDAY 7:00 Christian Education Committee at Harper's.
7:30 General Meeting of the Women's Fellowship
8:00 Building Committee

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY is on "The Word of Concern" and will be led by Dr. Clyde Fields. Bring your sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.

CHILDREN in grades 1-6 are invited to participate in the Arts Project for the One Great Hour of Sharing. Come to the Parish House on Saturday morning from 9 to 10:30.

OTHER Karen White is a patient at Cone Hospital, Greensboro...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.



SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT **March 10, 1974**

Rom. 2:1-11

Most of us get settled in the way we live. We start thinking that our habits are eternal laws, our convictions are eternal truths, and our way of doing things must surely be right. Lent is a time when we take another look. Maybe we will find there are better ways to live, better ways to express our faith, better ways to love our neighbor, better ways to honor God's will. Repentance is a big notion. It is not giving things up; rather it is boldly entering a new way of living. It's scary but it can bring healing and rejoicing.

CONTINUING A HUNDRED-YEAR-OLD ACHIEVEMENT

As the Civil War progressed and increasing numbers of slaves were freed, the American Missionary Association (formed in 1846 by northern evangelical abolitionists) soon began pouring massive resources into the South. The first educational mission to the Negroes began in September 1861 at Fort Monroe, Virginia, when the missionary Lewis Lockwood informed the AMA board of directors of the Negroes' intense desire to learn to read and write. This school at Fort Monroe later grew into the Hampton Institute. From then on, teachers commissioned by the AMA literally followed on the heels of the Union Army. In 1863, there were 83 AMA teachers among the Freedmen, and by the end of the war, over 300. Perhaps 500 schools were started during this period.

In 1866, AMA officials decided that the establishment of normal schools and colleges to train Negro teachers would be a more effective use of resources than attempting to provide sufficient primary and secondary schools throughout the South. By 1869 seven such institutions of higher learning were chartered. By 1876 fourteen normal schools and high schools were also opened.

In 1865 the National Council of Congregational Churches authorized a major fund drive among its churches to raise $250,000 that year for the AMA's work. Now, over 100 years later, the General Synod of the United Church of Christ has authorized the 17/76 Achievement Fund to further racial justice in America and overseas by strengthening our higher education program in six AMA-founded colleges in the USA and in many church-founded schools and colleges overseas.

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LOVE

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March 17, 1974 11:00 a.

PRELUDE When Jesus Came Into The City Peet

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregati
O Lord our God, forgive us for minimizing your greatness and maximizing our own. Without admitting it is so, we depend on you for the needs of today and the hope of tomorrow. Forgive us, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Past
* Hymn 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Lesson Psalm 5
New Testament Reading Mark 9:2
Anthem O Lord Most Holy Frar
(Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unis
The Choral Response Threefold Am

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio in F Major Fran
* Hymn 399 "O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go" (stanza
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Moments of Concern Mark Rink



FROM DISASTER TO DEVELOPMENT

Remember the girl huddled in the sewer pipe who became the symbol of the Bangladesh refugees? Do you also remember the scenes of flood devastated Rapid City or Wilkes-Barre . . . or the nightmare caused by the earthquake in Managua, Nicaragua?

In each case, through your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing-SOS, you ministered to the needs of people made homeless and destitute overnight by disaster.

Once having helped to rehouse or to re-clothe these victims of calamity, we have a continued presence and responsibility. In fact, our short-term disaster response is itself carried out with long-term rehabilitation in view.

For example, Bangladesh refugees are being trained in new skills and professions that will help them to build their new nation and to live with pride and dignity. This development work is under the supervision of the Church of Bangladesh.

In Lewistown, Pennsylvania (near Harrisburg), where one major industry was closed by hurricane Agnes and unemployment is still 13%, the church is helping men and women who are over 55 to find new meaning in life through new occupations.

The people of Nicaragua, ministered to by your dollars for relief, have found new unity in working together in adversity. Churches are now jointly engaged in programs of community organization, agricultural development, and a host of projects for helping Nicaraguans to find a better life.

YOUR ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING-SOS DOLLARS MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN MOVING FROM DISASTER TO DEVELOPMENT.

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* Hymn 12 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"
Sermon Walking With Jesus
IV Up A High Mountain

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 421 "We Thank Thee, Lord"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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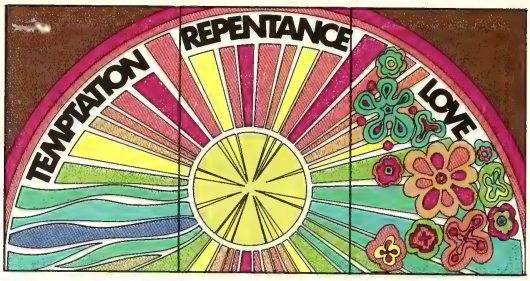
TODAY 3-5 Senior Hi Youth meet with our older adults for conversation and refreshments.
5:00 Confirmation Class

THIS WEEK, Miss Grubb will be attending all-day sessions of an Instro-Teach Workshop sponsored by Burlington area Christian educators and held at the First Presbyterian Church.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR will not meet this Wednesday. The Adult Choir rehearses as usual on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for "One Great Hour of Sharing" will be received next Sunday.

CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON will be held next Sunday at 12:15. Please take your dish to the Parish House before the church service. Bring the family as we share food and fellowship around the theme of "Happiness is more than a bowl of rice".



THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT **March 17, 1974**

1 John 4:13-21

We Christians have a peculiar and precious idea of what it takes to be human. We believe only two things are essential for humanness. One is to be loved, to know that we are valued and cared for and safe. And that's precious because we do not often know it or experience it. The other is to love, to be caring for others, to be acting in creative ways for their well-being. The good news is that God loves us and we need never doubt it. Lent is about the second part, that we can make fresh decisions about loving more deeply and more effectively. But if that's true, what a staggering idea! Because if that's what life is about, a lot of other things don't matter so much.

AN INDOMITABLE MOTHER

Thai Thi Than Van arrived in Saigon during the fighting in Quang Tri and gave birth to her second child three days later. The fact that the baby was healthy rather than still-born was a miracle. Mrs. Van had lost both legs above the knees during the 1960 Tet Offensive. She was fitted with artificial limbs at a hospital in Da Nang where Vietnam Christian Service had supplied a doctor trained in Korea for this work. When the North Vietnamese troops crossed the demilitarized zone in April, 1972, Mrs. Van was living in Cam Lo, just south of the border and near Cambodia. Her husband, a soldier in the South Vietnamese army, was away. With her fifteen-month-old child in her arms she walked the 100 miles to Quang Tri on her artificial limbs, crossing the river at Dong Ha while the bridge was being fired upon by both armies. She dodged mortar fire and found safety in ditches when battles raged around her. She had nothing to eat during the several days required to make this trip.

Mrs. Van and her children are alive today in part because of the expert care provided by the Vietnam Christian Service doctor in Da Nang. You helped make it possible through your One Great Hour of Sharing—SOS gifts. Your further contributions can help many others.

—*Winburn Thomas,* Director
International Voluntary Services Inc.
Bangladesh

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SUFFERING

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March 24, 1974 Fourth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a

PRELUDE Jesu, Do Not Leave Us Bi

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit Mr. Jew
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregati
Our Father, we confess our constant need of your forgiving presence. Unless our capabilities are invested in services to humankind, they are ill-used. Forgive us, we pray, that we may receive your blessing. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Past
* Hymn 206 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclai

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Lesson Psalm
New Testament Reading Luke 10:25-
Anthem Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured Ricka

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Lord's Prayer (in unis
The Choral Response Threefold Am

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Chorale in E Ba
* Hymn 97 "God of Our Life" (stanza
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Moments of Concern Joe Gmind

MOMENTS OF CONCERN

The hunger and thirst of the world have to be seen and felt to be understood.

Two courses, a tablespoon of rice and a teabag on the side, equal an average meal for most people on earth.

Every ten seconds a child is dying from hunger.

Gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing make it possible for the UCC to train farmers in the Philippines and to rush help to victims of the rampaging Mississippi in Illinois and Missouri.

On the tide of independence, the government of Burma sent our missionaries home seven years ago; still our money goes as the church there grows of age in its own way by the hand of God, through gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing.

Because American Christians again this year will salute their Lord by giving money for bread, opportunity, and hope to troubled men and women, I give thanks. I hope these Christians give a lot of money. A great sum. The church's servants at Church World Service pledge that such aid will reach the poor in a form and shape that will support the eternal spirit of the whole person and seek to restore the dignity that God gives to each of his children.

Will you give generously this year to "One Great Hour of Sharing"?

Beth Wilkins, chairman
Stewardship and Missionary
Education Committee

Hymn 348 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"
Sermon Walking With Jesus
V To Jericho

GOING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"
Benediction
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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OUR CHURCH FAMILY LUNCHEON begins at 12:15 in the Parish House. With your family, join us as we share food and fellowship around the theme of "Happiness is more than a bowl of rice".

TODAY 2:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
6:00 Junior Hi Youth

THE SPECIAL OFFERING for One Great Hour of Sharing is received today. The art projects of our young people, grades 1-6, are displayed in the narthex and Parish House.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY this week will be led by Dr. William Elzey on "The Word of Need". Bring your sandwich; beverage and dessert will be provided.



FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT **March 24, 197**

1 Peter 2:19-25

Suffering is an idea alien to many of us. We don't experience much of it and we take steps to avoid it. But this New Testament Letter speaks of something even more peculiar: unjustified pain, suffering for which there is no good reason. There is more than enough of this pain in the world, the pain of poverty, oppression, fear, and loneliness. It's there; we need only get into it. The church is made up of people who get into the pain of the world when they don't have to. People who do that are "approved of God."

HELPING STREET BOYS IN SAIGON

Miss Duong Thi Thuong, a social worker and project supervisor of Vietnam Christian Service, works with the Chanh Hung Center on Saigon's outskirts. Police vans deliver to this Center every day street boys, people caught sleeping on the streets, persons who have no identity cards, dope addicts, prostitutes, and petty thieves. They range in age from seven to seventy. It is Miss Thuong's job to interview the boys, contact their families if they have parents living, and ascertain why they are not living at home. In the case of first offenders, she seeks to assist them in being released. Some she recommends to vocational trade schools where scholarships are available. Classes in barbering and sewing are conducted in the Home. Some of the boys are assisted by the Foster Parents Plan. Delinquents who desire to improve themselves are assigned to the Street Boys House maintained by World Vision.

Miss Thuong is the daughter of a Vietnamese diplomat who has lived in India. She began working at the center prior to its sponsorship by Vietnam Christian Service. V.C.S. is the ecumenical instrument through which Church World Service works in Vietnam. Your giving to the annual One Great Hour of Sharing – SOS appeal, therefore, helps Miss Thuong in her important ministry to the poverty-stricken street people of Saigon.

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HOPE

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Jane Alexander and Cindy Rinker, Acolytes

March 31, 1974 Fifth Sunday in Lent 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Adagio from Sonata No. 3 Mendelsso

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship and Choral Introit Mr. Hayn
Prayer of Invocation
Prayer of Confession (Pastor and Congregatio
Our Father, we confess our failure to obey your Word and to show your love. Forgive us that we may receive your blessing. Amen.
Assurance of Pardon (The Pasto
* Hymn 345 "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" (stanzas 1-
Sacrament of Holy Baptism (pp. 498f
Reception of New Members
* Statement of Faith (in unis

THE LIVING WORD
The Gospel Lesson John 12:1-
The Epistle Lesson Romans 8:14-
Anthem Behold the Lamb of God Junior Cho

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Threefold Am

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Anthems Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies' Sake Farra
Morning Has Broken Farje
(by Western High School Sextet)
* Hymn 331 "Savior, Thy Dying Love" (stanzas 1,
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 405 "Master, No Offering Costly and Sweet"
Sermon Walking With Jesus
VI To Bethany

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 217 "Lord of All Hopefulness"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. T.A. Boland in memory of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Fuqua.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM is administered today to Brian Thomas Rose, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rose and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rose of Walters, Va. NEW MEMBERS received today are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Bunting, Miss C. Dawn Flye, Mrs. Minnie Turner and Mr. and Mrs. C. Dwight Wall.

TODAY 3:00 Junior Hi Youth 4:30 Acolytes
4:15 Senior Hi Youth 5:00 Confirmation Class

WE ARE GLAD to have the Western High School Sextet with us today. Members are Mary Lynn Brafford, Sherri Finley, Fredda Fuqua, Patti Loy, Denise Pleasant, Jane Updyke,and accompanist Emily Alexander.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP has voted to respond to an appeal from Mocnelon officials for funds to make urgent repairs at the camp. If you did not contribute in March, please consider doing so at your circle meeting this week.

OTHER: The Wednesday Noon Lenten Study this week will be led by Dr. W.W. Snyder on "The Word of Fulfillment"...You are invited to hear Dr. John Bright of Union Seminary, Richmond, speak here on Thursday evening at 7:30...Devotional guides written by our members are available in the narthex...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Mrs. Helen Wells is a patient at County Hospital.



FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT **March 31, 1974**
EXPERIENCING THE MISSION

Last Spring, approximately eighty people in the Chicago area—both pastors and lay persons, many of whom were on stewardship, benevolence, and mission boards of our local churches—toured a variety of mission projects in Chicago as guests of the Ecumenical Mission Committee of the Community Renewal Society, to which our Illinois Conference of the United Church of Christ is related. Among the projects were:

- *Lincoln Memorial Church*, the oldest black U.C.C. congregation in Chicago. This congregation is struggling to make a witness in a most depressed urban community. A day-care center is maintained. A youth minister has been engaged to establish and carry out relevant programs to minister to the youth of the church and of the community.
- *CASA Central*, a Chicago-wide agency for Spanish-speaking people, especially new arrivals from Cuba, Puerto Rico, Mexico, Spain, and South American countries. Its programs include orientation, counseling, job referrals, English classes, tutoring, health clinics, and a legal-aid clinic.
- *Korean American Community Services*, an agency which provides or will provide the same sort of services for Koreans that CASA Central does for Spanish-speaking people. More than 20,000 Koreans now live in Chicago. This is another project in which we provide "seed money" and some technical assistance to help Koreans help themselves.
- *Ministry of Northwest Strategy Development*, a new kind of ministry to help whites trapped by social and economic forces and to strengthen our churches in this area. Its ministry includes cooperation with the seventeen United Church of Christ congregations in this area.

Believing that the best way to learn about mission is through direct experience, with opportunities for on-the-scene questions and answers, the Committee sponsored bus tours to all of the local mission projects which received aid in 1973. Perhaps your congregation will be able to duplicate the idea in your own locality and thus help you and your fellow members experience the mission in a new way.

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FAITH

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April 7, 1974 Palm Sunday 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Jesus, Draw Nigh to Jerusalem Van Huls

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
* Processional 155 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"
* Pastor: The disciples began to rejoice and praise God, proclaiming to all:
* People: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
* Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
* People: Hosanna in the highest!
* Choir: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Lesson Psalm 118:19-2
New Testament Lesson John 12:12-1
Anthem With A Voice of Singing Sha

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Threefold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Solo God, My Father Dubois
(Anna Rose Marino, Soprano)
* Hymn 22 "We Praise Thee, O God" (stanza 1)
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
* Hymn 156 "Draw Nigh To Thy Jerusalem"
Sermon Walking With Jesus
VII To Jerusalem

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

EASTER BREAKFAST

8:00 a.m. April 14, 1974 Parish House

Please make _____ Easter Breakfast reservations for me and my family.

_____ (signed)

A donation will be received to cover expenses.

TODAY: 5:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Senior Hi Youth in the Parish House
6:00 Junior Hi Youth in Miss Grubb's office
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 at the church.

THE WEDNESDAY NOON LENTEN STUDY will be led this week by the pastor on "The Word of Confidence".

ON THURSDAY EVENING we will celebrate the office of Tenebrae, including the Lord's Supper, the Service to be held in the Parish House at 7:30. The Edgewood congregation will worship with us.

NEXT SUNDAY, Easter breakfast will be served at 8:00. Please make your reservation. All church school classes will meet in the Parish House at 9:45. Those who wish to bring Easter lilies are asked to have them here on Saturday evening.

Pastor: Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

* People: Hosanna in the highest!

* Choir: "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

THE LIVING WORD

Old Testament Lesson — Psalm 118:19-29

New Testament Lesson — John 12:12-19

Anthem — With A Voice of Singing — Shaw

THE WORD OF PRAYER

The Pastor's Prayer for the People

The Choral Response — Threefold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING

Offertory Solo — God, My Father — Dubois

(Anna Rose Marino, Soprano)

* Hymn 22 — "We Praise Thee, O God" (stanza 1)

* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD

Welcome

* Hymn 156 — "Draw Nigh To Thy Jerusalem"

Sermon — Walking With Jesus

VII To Jerusalem

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Benediction

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR ARRANGEMENT of palm branches is given to the Glory of God in memory of John R. Kittenger by Mrs. Kittenger and Family. Following the Service, individual palm branches will be given to the congregation.

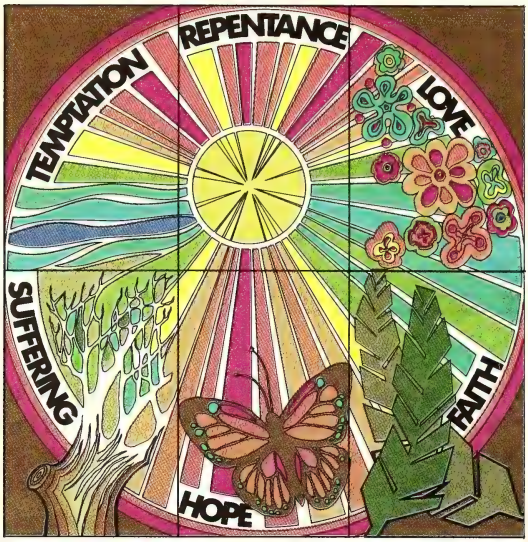
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PALM SUNDAY **April 7, 1974**

Hosanna! "Save Now!"
A cry for the immediate victory of a political messiah.
"Up with our friends, down with our foes."
After all, isn't Jesus a king?
Yes, but he stood the popular understanding of "king" on its head.
Not a king to crush a foe, but to create a friend;
Not a messiah to lambast with destruction, but to love with devotion;
Not a monarch to kill with the sword, but to conquer with a cross;
Not a Lord to race on to dominate, but to ride on to die.

There can be no movement with integrity
From the branches of Palm Sunday to the lilies of Easter
Without the stark wood of a cross in between.
God's messiah knew the deepest anguish and despair of death
To show a love that does not bypass human suffering,
But moves through it to God's new creation.
Were it not so, he would fail to touch life's agonies
And leave the lives of those who agonize without their dearest friends.

Hosanna! "Save Now!"
Yes, *from* a superficial cry for easy triumph *for*
The sacrificial courage to meet distorted loyalties with suffering love.
Palm Sunday: Rejoice? Yes! But within the shadow of the cross.

—Dr. Paul L. Hammer
Professor of New Testament
Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminaries

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TENEBRAE

A Maundy Thursday Candlelight Service

The Service tonight is in three parts. The first provides the Call to Worship; the second is the observance of the Lord's Supper; the third is Tenebrae, the retirement for prayer following the meal. By this Service we hope to prepare the worshipper for the coming glories of Easter morn. Reverence and stillness are important factors in our Service.

This is an adaptation of an early Fourth Century Office to which has been added a solemn observance of the Holy Communion.

The church is dimly lighted throughout the Service and, at the last, it is in total darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the lights is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, and the Passion of our Lord.

The rule of silence is rigidly observed. There is no conversation or greeting, other than the silent recognition of friends. The Service is phrased in words of Scripture, without comment. The hymn stanzas which are sung softly will interpret the devotional significance of the Passion, from the Hour of Fellowship in the Upper Room to the Hour of Loneliness in the Garden.

I THE MINISTRY OF MEDITATION

THE PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP — Luke 22:7-16

Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the passover for us, that we may eat it." They said to him, "Where will you have us prepare it?" He said to them, "Behold, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house which he enters, and tell the householder, 'The teacher says to you, Where is the guest room, where I am to eat the passover with my disciples?' And he will show you a large upper room furnished; there make ready." And they went, and found it as he had told them; and they prepared the passover. And when the hour came, he sat at table and the apostles with him. And he said to them, "I have earnestly desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you I shall not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God."

CHORAL INTROIT — Spirit of the Living God

UNISON PRAYER

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation and uphold me with Thy free spirit.
I will go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy. Amen

HYMN 31 — "Abide With Me"

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES — John 13:1, 4-9, 12-27, 30-31, 34-35

HYMN 91 — "Go To Dark Gethsemane" — (stanzas 1,2)

MEDITATION — Tomorrow is going to be a hard day — Dr. Gminder

II THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE UPPER ROOM

ANTHEM — All In the April Evening

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE COMMUNION PRAYER — (all uniting)

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee and worthily magnify Thy Holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE BREAD

(Please take a piece of bread and pass the plate on. Hold the bread until the Pastor says: "Take, eat, this is my body, which is broken for you: This do in remembrance of me.")

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE CUP

(Please take a cup and pass the tray on. Hold the cup until the Pastor says: "This cup is the New Testament of my blood, which is shed for many unto remission of sins. Ministering in his name, I offer you the cup, drink ye all of it."

HYMN 95 — "There is a Green Hill Far Away"

III THE TENEBRAE

THE SHADOW OF BETRAYAL — (J.E. Danieley) — Matthew 26:20-25

THE SHADOW OF DESERTION — (J.B. Long) — Matthew 26:31-35

CHOIR

O Jesus, Thou art pleading in accents meek and low,
"I died for you, my children, and will ye treat me so?"
O Lord, with shame and sorrow we open now the door;
Dear Savior, enter, enter, and leave us nevermore.

THE AGONY OF SOUL — (T.L. Smith) — Luke 22:39-44

THE UNSHARED VIGIL — (Jack Fraser) — Mark 14:32-41

CHOIR

'Tis midnight, and on Olive's brow the star is dimmed that lately shown;
'Tis midnight, in the garden now the suffering Savior prays alone.

'Tis midnight, and, from all removed, the Savior wrestles lone with fears;
E'en that disciple whom he loved heeds not his Master's grief and tears.

THE ARREST AT THE GATE — (Marion Liscum) — John 18:1-5

THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS — (Robert Ray) — Mark 15:16-20

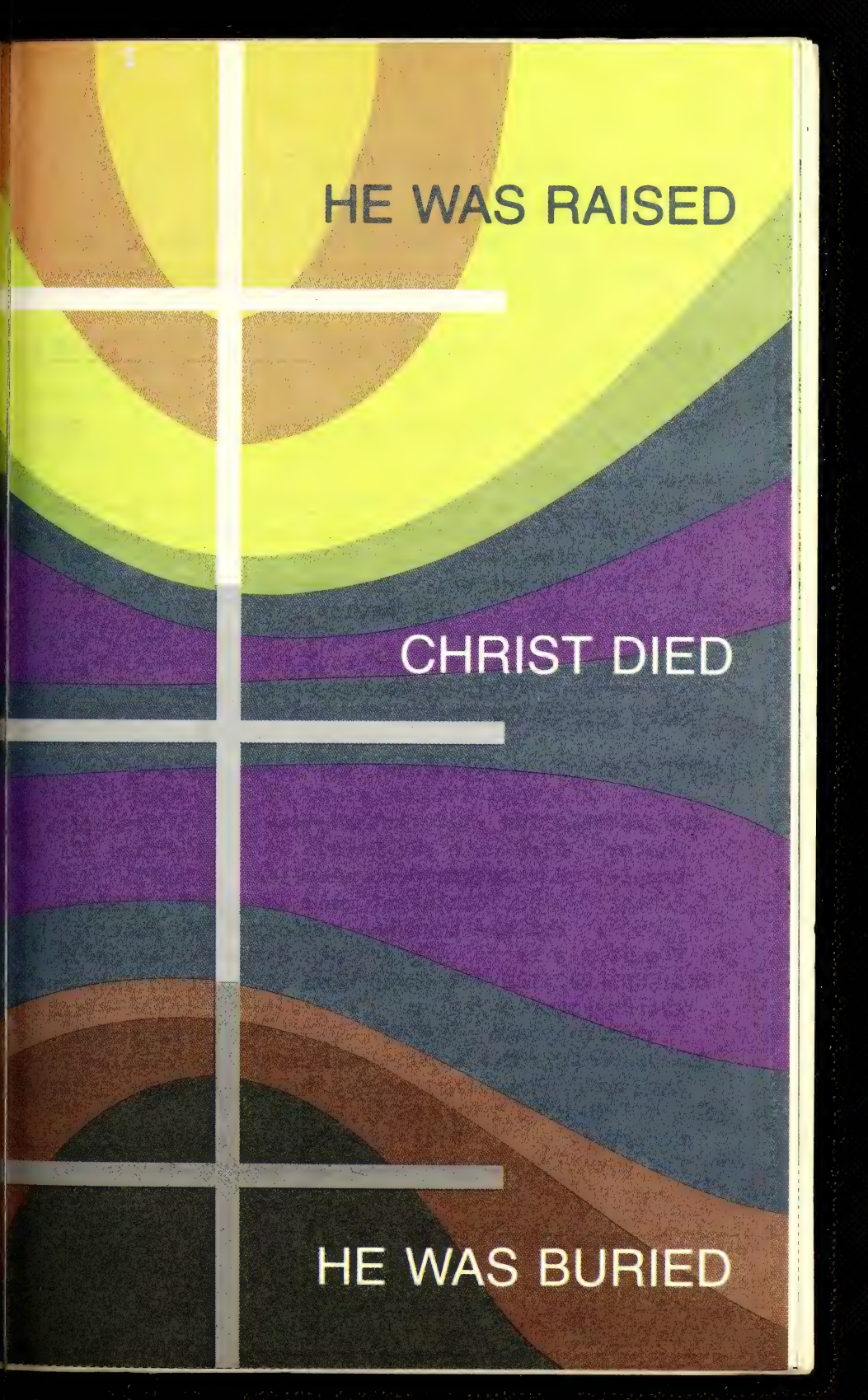
CHOIR

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee? 'Twas I,
Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

HYMN 94 — "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

BENEDICTION


HE WAS RAISED
CHRIST DIED
HE WAS BURIED

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April 14, 1974 EASTER SUNDAY 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Easter Morning Hymn Peeter

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Let us sing to the Lord for his glorious triumph in the raising of Jesus Christ from the dead.
People: Our strength and courage is in him, and he has been our savior.
Pastor: The Lord is risen.
People: He is risen indeed.
Choir : "Lift up Your Hearts, Ye People"
*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN 181 "Alleluia! The Strife is O'er"

THE RESURRECTION - how it happened Matthew 27:57-61
Pastor: Sing unto the Lord. Matthew 28: 1-8
People: For He has done excellent things.
Pastor: Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth.
People: For the Lord has comforted his people.
* The Gloria Patri: "Glory be to the Father and..."
THE RESURRECTION - and our hope I Corinthians 15
The Responsive Prayer (insert)
Choral Response Threefold Amen
THE RESURRECTION - a new creation Revelation 21:1-5
Anthem Come Christians, Join to Sing Mueller
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Praise to God the Father Bach
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

AN EASTER RESPONSIVE PRAYER

PASTOR: God: we have learned from Christ's raising to trust you with our life and with our death. You have released us from anxious care about living and from fear about dying.

PEOPLE: Thank you, God, for this victory over ourselves.

PASTOR: We call him our risen Lord. He is Lord of our lives, Lord of world, Lord of the Church.

PEOPLE: Thank you, God, for giving us your Son as the Master we follow when he masters us.

PASTOR: We have marvelled at Jesus' obedience and courage which led him to his cross so that he could by his death be our Savior.

PEOPLE: Teach us by his example the way of obedience and the meaning of suffering.

PASTOR: You sent him to us so we would know your love for us and could see in him what you have always intended us to be.

PEOPLE: Grant us the mind of Christ each passing day.

PASTOR: He is your special Son who taught us about life in the Kingdom of God, who cast out the demons of an unforgiving spirit, and who makes us able to call you our Father.

PEOPLE: Father: Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

PASTOR: Now that Christ is risen, we have the Holy Spirit to lead us into truth and to confirm our trust.

PEOPLE: Thank you, God our Father, Christ our Savior, Holy Spirit our Comforter that you have come to us and are with us now and for eternity.

THE RESURRECTION - and our life in Christ Luke 24:13-35

Hymn 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

Sermon Walking With Jesus
VIII To Emmaus

Hymn 182 "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

An Easter Benediction Go forth into the world to show that the Lord is risen. Be steadfast and persevering, doing the work of God with all your hearts. Know that your toil is not in vain when it is done in the Lord. And the God who brought our Lord Jesus from the dead be with you. Amen.

Choral Response Glory to God

Postlude Hallelujah Be to God on High Buxtehude

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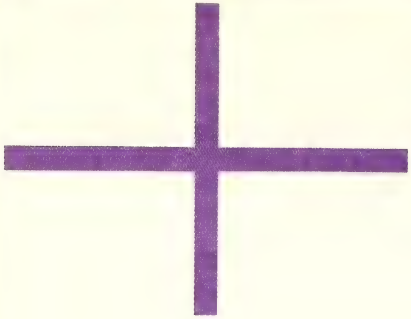
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. Konstantinas Avizonis by Mrs. Angele Avizonis. Thanks also to others who have brought Easter lilies for the chancel.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due in the secretary's office by Tuesday morning. The church office will be closed tomorrow.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS will meet Tuesday morning at 10:30 instead of this afternoon.

THE WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY GROUP resumes its sessions this week, meeting at 9:30 a.m. Please refer to lesson 8, III.

THE ANNUAL SPRING RALLY of our Association Churchmen's Fellowship is next Sunday at 3:00 with registration at Whitley Auditorium. Reservations for the 5:30 dinner at the McFarland Building may be placed through our Pastor.



EASTER SUNDAY **April 14, 1974**

For Christians the resurrection of Jesus Christ is no optional extra to be sentimentally celebrated once a year. It is a central affirmation to be dynamically lived every day. The resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms a power to create a new life in the face of death. It proclaims a love to conquer tragedy in the midst of hate. It kindles a faith to engage the world in the darkness of fear.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ affirms that what was a future hope already has dawned. The presence of the living Christ means that God's power to give us life is stronger than death now. It means that a love to transform us is mightier than hate now. It means that a faith to activate us is more powerful than fear now.

We cannot "prove" the resurrection and then decide to believe it. Believing it means to risk entering into the affirmation of a risen Lord and discovering that he frees us to meet the personal and public affairs and needs of our world with a new creativity—a creativity that reflects God's power to remake human life, to give it new joy, and to make every day a celebration of Easter that turns mourning into morning.

—Dr. Paul L. Hammer
Professor of New Testament
Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Seminaries

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April 21, 1974 11:00 a.

PRELUDE Prelude in D Major Ba

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Rev. Mitche
Choral Introit This is the Day the Lord Hath Ma
* Hymn 206 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclai
Prayer of Invocation (all unitin
O Thou who dost the vision send and givest each his task, and with the task sufficient strength show us thy will, we ask. Give us a conscience bold, a purpose true, that it may be our highest joy, our Father's work to do.
The Lord's Prayer

THE LIVING WORD
New Testament Reading John 21:1-
* The Gloria Patri
The Anthem "Blessing and Honor" Muell

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Am

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Berceuse Dup
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 322 "Jesus Calls Us"
Sermon Sign of The Fish Rev. Hamilt

CATAWBA COLLEGE

A PROFILE

CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Catawba is a private, senior, coeducational college affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Founded in 1851. Enrollment: 533 women, 622 men.

LOCATION

Catawba's 200 acre, 33 building campus is located in a residential area in the western portion of Salisbury.

ACADEMIC YEAR

An entirely new academic program was adopted with the fall term, 1971. The program is based on the quarter system, features a unit basis for course credit, stresses great freedom of course selection, independent study, auditing, few required courses, and testing out for course credit. The program is intended to make the college experience more relevant, giving the student opportunities to study in a wide range of fields while concentrating in one.

MAJORS AND DEGREES

Catawba awards an A.B. degree in the following majors: accounting, biology, chemistry, Christian education, drama, economics, elementary education, English, French, general business, geology, German, health and physical education, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, physics, political science, psychology, religion, religion and philosophy, sociology, Spanish, and speech. Catawba also offers the opportunity for custom-designing a major crossing several disciplinary lines.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

The library is fully equipped to handle the academic requirements of the courses. The open stacks contain over 100,000 volumes. In addition, the library houses large collections of microfilm, microfiche, government document items, and recordings. The Shuford Science Building contains classrooms, faculty offices, and well-equipped laboratories for the teaching of biology, chemistry, geology, and physics. The building also contains an astronomical observatory with a 15-inch telescope housed in a 14-foot motor dome.

CAMPUS LIFE

Life on the Catawba campus is active and varied. There is plenty of academic work to do, but the College's administration is also aware that a balanced education includes the extracurricular activity.

COSTS

The total fixed costs for 1974-75 are $2,679 for boarding students and $1,749 for commuting students. Limited finacial aid is available.

ADMISSION

Admission is based on the high school record, class rank, scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, personality profile, and recommendation of school officials.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For application forms and other information, write to:

Dean of Admissions
Catawba College
Salisbury, North Carolina 28144

ELON COLLEGE

A PROFILE

CHURCH RELATIONSHIP

Elon is a private, four-year, coeducational college related to the United Church of Christ. Founded in 1889. Enrollment: 750 women, 1200 men.

LOCATION

The 95 acre, 25 building campus is adjacent to Burlington and 17 miles east of Greensboro.

SCHOLASTIC SESSIONS

The College's regular session is divided into a 4-1-4 calendar. The fall semester is a four-month term, ending prior to Christmas holidays, followed by a one-month winter term and a four-month spring term. During the one-month term opportunities are offered for travel and study abroad. Evening classes are also offered on a regular basis and a summer session of two terms of five weeks each.

MAJORS AND DEGREES

The Bachelor of Arts degree is awarded in accounting, biology, business administration, business education, chemistry, economics, elementary education, English, French, history, mathematics, music, philosophy, physical education, physics, political science, religion, religious education, social science, and Spanish.

The Bachelor of Science degree is awarded in music education, radiologic technology, and medical technology.

The Associate in Arts degree is awarded in secretarial science, and there is a one-year secretarial science program.

Programs leading to teacher certification in both elementary and secondary areas are offered.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

The Iris Holt McEwen Library Building contains more than 85,000 volumes. The Duke Science Building has modern scientific equipment and laboratory apparatus for physics, biology, geology, and chemistry.

CAMPUS LIFE

The faculty and administration encourage extra-curricular organizations, including social and professional clubs, honor societies, service organizations, and sororities and fraternities.

COSTS

The 1973-74 cost per year including tuition, fees, room, and board for dormitory students ranges from $2029 to $2179. The cost for commuting students is $1280. Tuition for evening classes is $40 each semester hour. Financial aid is available in the form of scholarships, loans, grants and work study programs based on financial need. New this year are a limited number of scholarships based strictly on academic talent.

ADMISSION

Admission is based on the high school record, class rank, scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Test, personality profile, and recommendation of school officials. Elon offers credit by examination and advanced placement. Graduates of accredited junior colleges may obtain direct transfer.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

For application forms or financial aid information, write to:

Office of Admissions and
Financial Aid
Elon College
Elon College, N. C. 27244

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 152 "We Would See Jesus" (st. 2-5)

* Benediction

* Choral Response Threefold Amen

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. George Noah. Greeters of the Day are Ken Harper and T.A. Boland.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J.B. Long in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. H.B. Long.

TODAY: 3:00 Registration at Whitley for Churchmen's Fellowship Spring Rally
5:00 Confirmation Class
5:30 Senior Hi Youth

WE ARE PLEASED to have the young people of Park Place Congregational Church, Pawtucket, Rhode Island share in our worship service this morning. They have been holding a workcamp at the Elon Home for Children this week. Their Pastor, Reverend Robert M. Mitchell, is our Liturgist of the Morning.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP meets Wednesday morning at 9:30.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR rehearses Wednesday at 3:30 and the Adult Choir at 7:30.

THIS IS Alamance County Beautification Week. Our church joins other community organizations in concern for the appearance of private and public properties. You are encouraged to participate.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **April 21, 1974**
1 Cor. 15:20-28

We are all in it together. But we are slow to realize what it is that we are all in. The Bible believes we are all in death together. Our lives are all consumed by fear that immobilizes and hatred that poisons, by a lack of freedom that makes us bitter. But we also hold a vision of Jesus Christ together. His resurrection is an event that changed the whole world. That means new life is not just for persons but for communities and institutions, for everything we do and have and are in common. All that destroys and cheapens life has been dealt with. We can confess him as Lord only as we bring the whole world to his joyous freeing purposes.

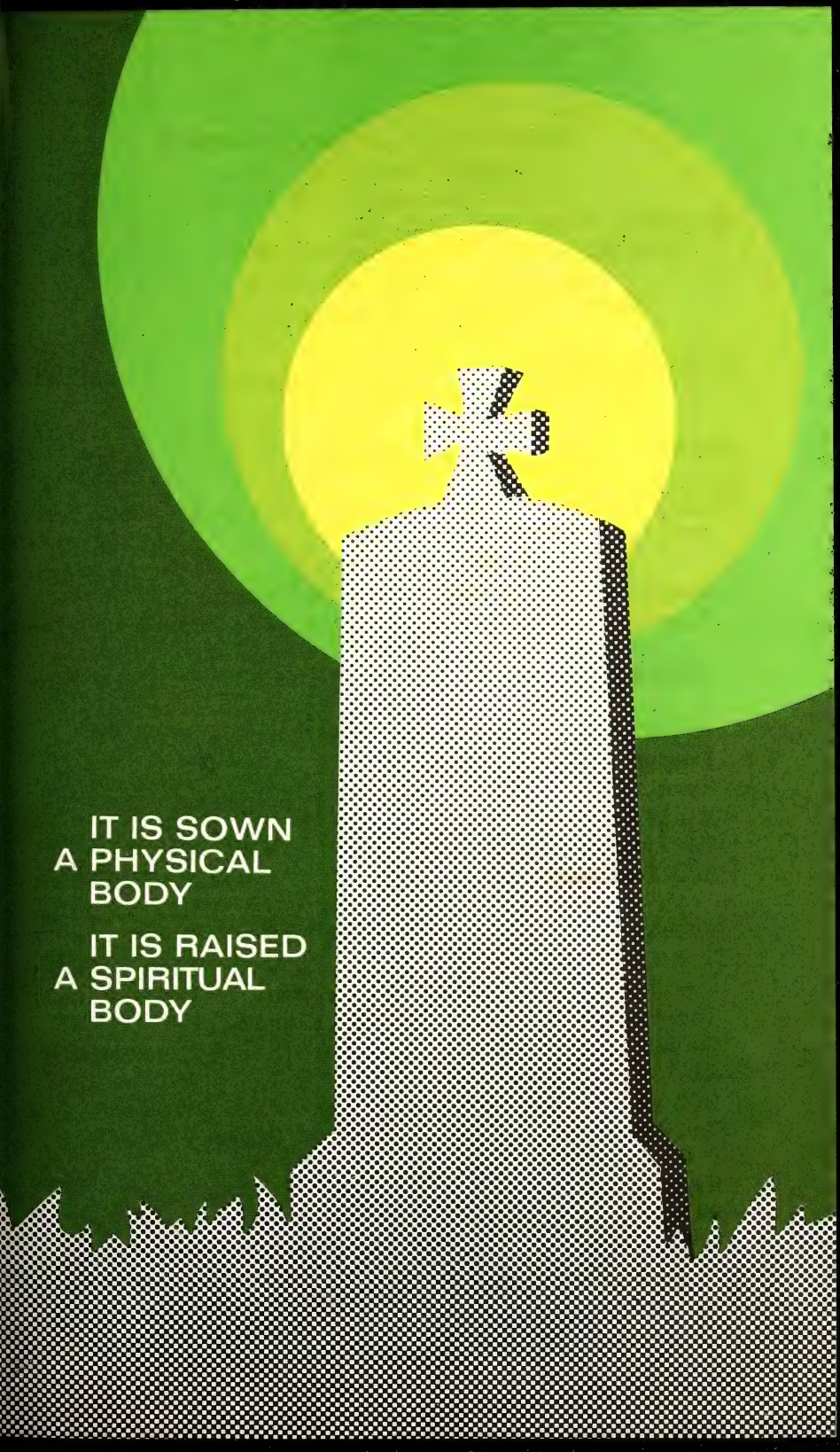
A MINISTRY TO TROUBLESOME HOLLOW

When the Reverend Fred Lamar, campus minister at the University of Missouri at Rolla, Mo., inquired as to what was most needed by the Shannondale Community Center, the answer was: surveying and then designing low-water bridges for the Troublesome Hollow Campsite road, and an evaluation of the water and sewage systems and the designing of needed changes in them. The Shannondale Community Center had been selected as a priority by the United Ministries in Higher Education (UMHE) at Rolla because of its strategic location in Central Missouri. And so, student engineering teams made three successive visits to help with the design work. Student labor crews hand-dug extension trenches for the current septic system, dug new privy-holes, painted the shower house, installed electrical circuits and new plumbing in the minister's home and in the caretaker's home, and built forms for steps and for sidewalks to the lodge building.

This unique ministry to Troublesome Hollow was just one of the projects sponsored by the UMHE whose work which we help to support. On another weekend, Rolla students came to St. Louis and contributed their services to repair-work at the Caroline Mission (which is related to the United Church of Christ), Berea Presbyterian Church, and Waggoner Memorial United Methodist Church.

Campus Ministry means different things in different places. Here in America's heartland it has come to mean the very best in Christian service. Through our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, you have a continuing part in the programs of the United Ministries in Higher Education on more than 1000 campuses across the country.

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IT IS RAISED
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April 28, 1974 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Allegro in E Major Bac

PRAISE TO GOD Isaiah 59:19,20 Mr. Hamilto
Pastor: People shall come from every corner of the earth to praise the name of the Lord.
People: God is our refuge and strength.
Pastor: His glory shall come like a pent-up river, driven by the breath of God.
People: To him be blessing and honor, glory and might.
Choir: "Grant Me True Courage, Lord"
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading 121, p. 543 Isaiah 61:1-
New Testament Readings I John 4:7-1
Philippians 2:1-
Anthem O Lord of Life Junior Choi

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* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
Sermon The Fabric of Our Fellowship Dr. Robinso

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Threefold Amen

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. We welcome to our pulpit today Dr. Henry Robinson of Burlington. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. T.A. Boland. Greeters of the Day are T.L. Smith and J.B. Long.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Robert Blake in memory of his father, John Clarance Blake.

TODAY 6:00 Junior Hi Youth

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS meets today at 5:00 and next Saturday morning at 10:30. They will be received as church members next Sunday.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY, sponsored by Church Women United, will include a luncheon and program on Friday at noon at Macedonia Lutheran Church. Reservations should be secured by tomorrow from Mrs. Truitt.

THE CONGREGATION is invited to hear the Symphonic Chorus of UNC-G present Bach's "Christ Lag in Todesbanden" this afternoon at 3:00 at First Presbyterian Church, Greensboro. Accompaniment will be provided by stringed orchestra and organ by Mary Alice Bragg.

OTHER Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...The congregation joins in extending Christian sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Erle Hutchins upon the death of his father, Ernest T. Hutchins of Winston Salem, on April 21...Congratulations to Rev. William P. Smith and Pearl P. Finch whose Service of Marriage was celebrated yesterday.

IT IS SOWN
IT IS RAISED

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **April 28, 1974**

1 Cor. 15:35-50

Dying and rising is the characteristic form of the Christian life. And because we all must face death for ourselves and for our loved ones, death is a preoccupation with us. Richard Niebuhr has written that we live always in an attempt to prevent death: having my way on the baseball field or in a traffic jam, or my child fighting sleep at night, my needing to be right, to be in control. Many TV commercials promise us continued youth, popularity, and security—so we cling desperately to the best of what is. But the gospel is that it's "OK" to let go. It's safe to yield because we shall be transformed. We may no longer be who we thought we had to be, but we may become who we are destined to be.

LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND COCU

The Consultation on Church Union keeps faith with congregations. When the last plenary of COCU voted to rewrite some portions of *A Plan of Union,* and when it decided to call upon congregations to provide new suggestions on the structure of the church, COCU was responding to thousands of comments from those who had studied *A Plan of Union.*

The staff and representatives of the Consultation on Church Union aid those congregations which wish to enter into union efforts. The COCU order of worship finds frequent use. Congregations wanting help in planning communion services in their communities can refer to COCU aids on the subject. The Consultation also suggests ways in which churches can work together at the local level for more effective witness.

There is no blueprint or timetable for church union, but the vision of a reconciled community remains clear. By responding to local situations the Consultation on Church Union hastens the day when the vision will become a lively reality.

—*Rev. Robert H. Boyte*
Associate Ecumenical Officer
Council on Christian Unity
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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May 5, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio in G Major Bach

CHORAL INTROIT This is the Day the Lord Hath Made
Call to Worship
*HYMN 260 "The Church's One Foundation"

*UNISON PRAYER
Lord God, keep before us the challenge and excitement of the truth found in Christ, that all our days may be spent in preparing the way of the Lord for the coming of his kingdom and for that life which is both present and eternal. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Hosea 6:1-6
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON II Timothy 1:3-14, 2:1-7

THE PASTORAL PRAYER Threefold Amen

ANTHEM Sanctus Gounod
Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Soprano
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 391 "Be Thou My Vision" (st. 1-3)
THE GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Offertory Sheep May Safely Graze Bach
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Rx for Grassroot Christians

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION
Invitation
The Vows
* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)

The Sacrament of Baptism
Laying on of Hands
Congregation: Beloved, we greet you with joy. We pledge to you our friendship in the Lord, and give you our support in prayer and service that you may continue to grow with us in the knowledge and love of God and be witnesses with us of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.

HYMN 371 "He Who Would Valiant Be"

BENEDICTION May the Grace of God our Father

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hook in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Hook and Rev. and Mrs. T. B. Dawson.

THE CONFIRMATION CLASS is received today as members of the Church. They are Nathan Allen, Del Atkinson, Nathan Gminder, Faye McLelland, Thane Smith, and Jay Updyke. Esther Gminder is received as an Associate Member. The Sacrament of Holy Baptism is administered to Nathan Allen, Del Atkinson, Esther Gminder, Nathan Gminder, and Faye McLelland.

TODAY: 12:30 Covered Dish Lunch for Adult Choir
2:00 Senior Hi Youth visit the sick and shut-in.
3:00 Teachers' Workshop at Front St. Methodist
6:00 Junior Hi Youth meet to begin making banners
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Thursday of this week at 7:30.

OUR SERVICE OF WORSHIP on May 19 will begin at 9:30 and dismiss by 10:15 in order that those who so desire can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement at 10:30.

rejoice!

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **May 5, 1974**

1 Pet. 1:3-9

Christian celebration is not to be confused with comfortable middle-class well-being. We rejoice, not because we have it so good, but because the wholeness of our life and the reliability of God's promise is not in doubt. We are learning painful lessons in affluent America about reasons for joy. We are learning that after we have achieved all our successes and have gotten all we want, there is a kind of emptiness which asks, "Is that all there is?" We are confronted with awful choices and we can't have it both ways: the goods of this world which result in dull self-satisfaction, or the gift of God's wholeness.

CELEBRATING THE CHRISTIAN HOME

A few years ago people were wondering if marriage and the family could continue to exist. Today the Christian family is alive and flourishing in many new ways. While the term "family" has in the past suggested persons living out clearly defined roles, it now suggests a variety of life-styles and new roles for men, women, and children. Many so-called "nuclear families" have stretched out their arms to enfold foreign students and foster children, or to adopt children of minority groups. Other nuclear families have sought out older couples and single persons with whom to share tears and laughter. Parents of young children have banded together to share ritual times, vacations, intimate discussions, and baby-sitting. At the same time there are more one-parent families and couples without children who have special needs.

Today a Christian home may be a cooperative house in which married and single persons share rent, meal preparation, and concern for one another. Or it may be a small community of persons choosing to combine their resources in a common enterprise. As technology and more cooperative attitudes make the hearth fires less demanding, the family is increasingly active in the community. Men, women, and children join walks to raise money for hunger victims; a man with a baby in a backpack may be seen delivering political leaflets; women are running for political offices.

Christian families have always been an embodiment of Christ's love. Today when the needs for his love are more complex than ever, the family is called—both individually and as a unit—to express that love to the community and to the world.

—*Patricia Ross*
U. C. C. Task Force on Women in Church and Society
Beaverton, Oregon

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May 12, 1974 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A Minor Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Miss Moffa
Choral Introit Grant Me True Courage, Lor
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Come to us, God of Grace, and unite our hearts and minds with you and with one another in this time when your people gather to hear your Word. In the name of our Lord, we pray as he taught us...
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Hosea 11:1-9(RSV
New Testament Hebrews 13:1-16(TEV
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THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Ame

THE SPOKEN WORD
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Sermon The Family, Fragile and Vulnerable

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory A Morning Hymn Peeter
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn "O God, Who To A Loyal Home" (Tune 388
* Benediction

O GOD, WHO TO A LOYAL HOME

(C.M.D.) Tune: All Saints New

O God, who to a loyal home
  Didst trust thy Son divine,
Where faithful love and patient work
  Made daily life benign;
With contrite shame thy grace we claim,
  And lift to thee our prayer:
Redeem our oft unworthy homes
  Till all is Christlike there.

Deliver us from sins which harm
  Our homes and mar their peace.
May selfless and devoted love
  Make strife and discord cease.
With anxious zeal, for mankind's weal
  And world-wide peace we pray;
But all in vain, if wayward homes
  Cause childhood's steps to stray.

Thou art our Father, and from thee
  All faithful families spring;
To homes where love and honor dwell
  Thou dost thy blessings bring.
O God of love, send from above
  Thy succor, swift and strong,
That from such homes stout souls may come
  To triumph over wrong.

We pray that childhood's latent powers
  May grow to bless mankind;
That we may guide aright young lives,
  For unguessed good designed.
O Father God, whose Son has trod
  Such lowly paths as we,
Help us to build on earth true homes,
  Till we come home to thee.

---Harry Emerson Fosdick



Robert and Carol Knight and their half-brother, Wayne Sheffield

Give from Your Heart- A CHILD NEEDS HELP

As we appeal to our churches in the United Church of Christ and to our friends among individuals, businesses, and industries for support, we seek help in financing a program designed to solve complex problems of children who have been denied the care and training all young people should have.

While our beautiful campus, the attractive well-planned buildings, and other facilities are a valuable asset, the most important advantage we have to offer our boys and girls is the specialized care provided in a program conducted to prepare them for happy, successful lives.

Such a program is costly but is worth the price when it saves a child from a lifetime of frustration and failure.

In former years, we have made our annual appeal in the Thanksgiving-Christmas giving season. This year, we are seeking help from the churches in the month of May but will promote our cause with other prospective contributors at Christmastime. We believe the new emphasis period will please the churches since November and December are crowded with special offerings. We also feel that it will be most appropriate to have our churches consider the Home in the same month they observe Family Week, which closes with Mother's Day, for this will focus attention on our dedication to family preservation.

We pray that the churches and our other friends will be generous in giving so that we may continue to enrich our services to the children who depend upon us.

ELON HOME
FOR CHILDREN
Elon College, N. C.
27244

A MESSAGE TO OUR CHURCHES

It is vital that churches in the Southern Conference of our United Church of Christ contribute this year the 12 to 14 percent of our budget they have been giving for a number of years. Please put us on your prayer list, become personally involved in the Home, and give us your financial support. We must make sure that the children in our Home have the quality of care essential to their development into self-reliant men and women who are healthy in mind and body and concerned about the well-being of their fellowmen.



A Mission of Service to Children

Our Boy Scouts are very active in the program of the Scout organization.

When you contribute to Elon Home for Children, you give to help a child grow into a good citizen of strong Christian faith.

Your gift is used to help support a program which meets the special needs of the boys and girls in our care. This program includes group care for 70 children in the Home at Elon College, group home care for eight children in the new Turner Group Home at Suffolk, Va., foster home care, day care for children of preschool and kindergarten ages, and advanced care.

Most of our children are from homes broken by causes other than the death of their parents. Although they have living mothers or fathers, or both, these parents have failed to meet their family responsibilities and the children have not received the care and training that is the right of every child. Many of those who come to us from such situations are bitter, discouraged, have behavior problems, and are either school dropouts or far behind in their school work.

We consider all applications thoroughly and admit children we have room for and feel we can help. We provide for them the material necessities of life and many other benefits to enable them to become capable, well-adjusted men and women. These include services of psychiatrists and educators and of Social Service and Child Care departments with staff members who are especially prepared to work with children.

Family preservation is the ultimate goal of our efforts. We try to prepare our children for successful reunion with their families and to help their families prepare for resuming their care. We feel that the breakdown in family life is the most serious problem in our country and that anything we can do to strengthen families is a valuable service to our country and our fellowmen.

Please pray for the Home and the children in its care. We urge you to share your blessings with us, remembering that a gift to help a child is a gift for always.

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
* Postlude Theme from "Finlandia" Sibelius
(Joy Hamilton, Guest Organist)

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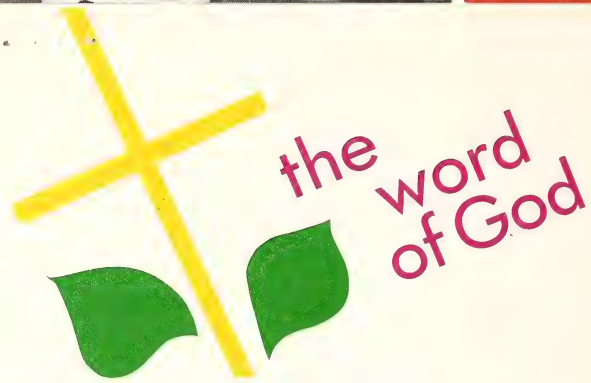
TODAY: 3:30 Senior Hi Youth

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION Committee meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Fred Young.

A TEACHER-TRAINING WORKSHOP will be held next Sunday afternoon from 2:30-5:00 at Long's Chapel.

PLEASE NOTE THAT our Service of Worship next Sunday will begin at 9:30 and dismiss by 10:15 in order that those who so desire can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement at 10:30.

OTHER: Miss Pam Moffat, a sophomore pre-ministerial student, is our liturgist of the morning...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Mary Rouse is a patient at Duke Hospital...The congregation joins in expressing Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Connie Howard upon the death of his brother, Rev. B.J. Howard of Chapel Hill, on May 5...Special envelopes are available in the narthex for your annual contribution to the Elon Home for Children.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **May 12, 197**

II Tim. 2:8-1

We do get boxed in. Our vision conforms to our vested interests. Ou understandings of God are conditioned by our social group, and ou theology gets to be a creed about keeping what we have and getting more Much too often church programs reflect public sentiment, or preacher trim their sails to public opinion, or congregations do what is possible So, what's new? What's new is that God's good news finds expressio when all normal channels cop out. His news of freedom is not silence by our fears that result in racism. His gospel of peace is not forfeite because we love the flag in war-like ways. Christian worship is recogn tion that the gospel is not silenced by our efforts to control. God is free

A CONTINUING CHALLENGE

The Ministry of Education in India recently offered a position t Mickey Hulbe (Ph. D. in economics from the University of Texas), wh is director of the Center for Studies in Rural Development at Ahmed nagar College which is related to the United Church of Christ. Th government wishes to extend the program which Dr. Hulbe initiate and which he has maintained for over 10 years, relating college studies t down-to-earth problems in village-living in India. Dr. Hulbe, an orpha raised by missionaries in Vadala, has aided scores of villages and ha trained hundreds of rural development leaders. But Dr. Hulbe turne down the honor implicit in the government job in order to stay at Ahmed nagar College. Perhaps it was the continuing challenge, perhaps it wa his commitment to a work unique and distinctive.

Ahmednagar College is but one of several institutions—colleges i Asia, Africa, the Near East, and Central America, as well as six college in U. S. A. (Dillard, New Orleans; Fisk, Nashville; Huston-Tillotso Austin, Texas; LeMoyne-Owen, Memphis; Talladega, Alabama; an Tougaloo, Mississippi)—to benefit from the 17/76 Achievement Fun campaign now being conducted by the United Church of Christ. Th challenge goal is $17,000,000 by 1976.

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May 19, 1974 9:30 a.m

PRELUDE Chorale in C Major Bac

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit All Creatures of our God and Kin
*HYMN 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
(stanzas 1-4
PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting
O God, whose will is that we surprise with kindness and disarm with love, show us the need of our neighbor and strengthen us to fill it with joy, that you may be known in the common acts of every day.
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
Mr. Bill Blanchar
NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:1-1

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THE GIFTS OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
Anthems Show Us the Dream Junior Choi
Know When To Say No
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Do You Have Any Advice, Paul?

*HYMN 376 Lead Us, O Father (st. 1-3)

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Let the People Praise the Lord
POSTLUDE Priere Boellmann

A PRAYER FOR OUR GRADUATES AND OURSELVES

UNISON: Our Father, grant us a clearer vision of your truth, a greater faith in your power, and a more confident assurance of your love.

PASTOR: When the way seems dark before us,
PEOPLE: give us grace to walk trustingly.

PASTOR: When much is obscure
PEOPLE: let us be all the more faithful to the little we can see clearly.

PASTOR: When the distant scene is clouded,
PEOPLE: let us rejoice that at least the next step is plain.

PASTOR: When insight falters,
PEOPLE: let obedience stand firm.

PASTOR: Whatever we lack in faith,
PEOPLE: let us repay in love.

PASTOR: We offer our thanks for the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. He is for us the Light in a dark world.
PEOPLE: By that Light we know who you are and who we are meant to be.

PASTOR: If in that Light we still cannot find you,
PEOPLE: then let us search our hearts to know whether it is not rather we who are blind than you who are obscure. Perhaps we flee from you rather than you from us.

UNISON: Our Father, wherever we seek you, you are found and every place is hallowed ground.
Amen.

Romans 12 (selected verses)

2. Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind

3. I bid every one of you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think

5. We, though many, are one body in Christ and individually members one of another

6. Having gifts that differ, let us use them
   in proportion to our faith
   in serving
   in teaching
   in exhortation
   in liberality
   with zeal
   with cheerfulness

9. Be genuine

9. Hold fast to what is good

11. Never flag in zeal

12. Be patient

15. Rejoice with those who rejoice.
    Weep with those who weep

16. Do not be haughty

18. Live peaceably with all

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THE SERVICE TODAY is held early in order that our people can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement at 10:30 o'clock in Memorial Gymnasium. We will return to our regular schedule of Church School at 9:45 and Church Worship at 11:00 next Sunday.

WE RECOGNIZE with pride the following members of our church who are graduating from area high schools:

Malvin Artley	Tom Hamilton
Sheree Atkinson	Kay Matlock
Mary Lynn Brafford	Bill Price
John Goude	Robin Smith

TODAY 1:00-4:30	Senior Hi Picnic at Burlington City Park
2:30-5:00	Teachers' Workshop at Long's Chapel
6:00	Junior Hi Youth
7:00	Worship Committee

THE ANTHEMS and the benedictory response are selections from the cantata, "It's Cool In The Furnace" by Red and Hawthorne. They are directed by Miss Grubb with Jane Danieley and Mrs. Bragg as accompanists.

SUMMER CAMP registrations for young people planning to go to Moonelon, Johns River, or Franklinton Center are due now. Please secure information and registration forms from Miss Grubb.

JESUS

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **May 19, 1974**

Eph. 1:15-23

We get so used to saying the name of Jesus that we no longer know the power of his name. Every Sunday we say our prayers "in Jesus' name." And at our dinner table we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus." We forget he is not a rack on which to hang our hat or simply a clue to the organist to get the prayer response ready. We say he has authority to command us, power to transform us, capacity to change our situation. His name is not only sweet but also powerful. Jesus is the one who holds life together.

ANGER IN THE MOUNTAINS

There is a new tone to the voices of protest in Appalachia—a tone of anger, resentment, and solidarity. The people whose ancestors first came to find freedom close to the land are now saying that they have had enough of the exploitation and pillage which a hundred years of uncontrolled outside domination have brought. They are sick of having had more than 100,000 coal miners killed in that time and of having the same number alive and rasping today with black lung disease, all because of what outsiders have called "the necessity of progress" or "an act of God." They have reached the point where having the companies collect the profits and the people reap the pillage is going to have to stop.

Many American institutions—not only the big corporations, but also the churches, the universities, the state and federal governments—have had a part in the mountain people's plight. For a hundred years the mountaineers have heard how they ought to repent of simply living on the economic subsistence level they thought to be consistent with nature. They have been chastised for being behind the rest of the nation in economic development in bringing in the railroad, cutting down the timber, and exploiting the coal.

Now the mountain people are determined to have back what is theirs—the riches under the soil, the riches on top of the ground, the riches which have been stolen from them. Other cultural and racial minorities in America are seeking the right of self-determination. The mountain people of Appalachia will do the same.

To help them in these efforts to achieve self-determination, local churches, councils of churches, and denominations work together in the Council On Religion in Appalachia (CORA). We cooperate in this work through the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries.

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

MEMORIAL SERVICE

June 2, 1974

4:00 P.M.

Magnolia Cemetery

Elon College, North Carolina

For all the saints
who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith
before the world confessed;
Thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

PROGRAM

Invocation ..... Rev. W. T. Cockman

Hymn ..... Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

Memoirs ..... Rev. W. T. Cockman

Hymn ..... Sun Of My Soul

Memorial Address..... Dr. J. Earl Danieley

Annual Business Meeting

Benediction ..... Rev. W. T. Cockman

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MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

OFFICERS FOR 1973-1974

President	E. S. Lankford
Vice President	Miss Nannie D. Reitzel
Secretary	John W. Barney, Jr.
Treasurer	Miss Nina Matlock

SAVIOR, LIKE A SHEPHERD LEAD US

Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need thy tender care;
In thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use thy folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, thine we are.

We are thine; do thou befriend us;
Be the guardian of our way;
Keep thy flock; from sin defend us;
Seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear thy children when they pray;
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Hear thy children when they pray.

SUN OF MY SOUL

Sun of my soul, thou Savior dear,
It is not night if thou be near;
Oh, may no earthborn cloud arise
To hide thee from thy servant's eyes.

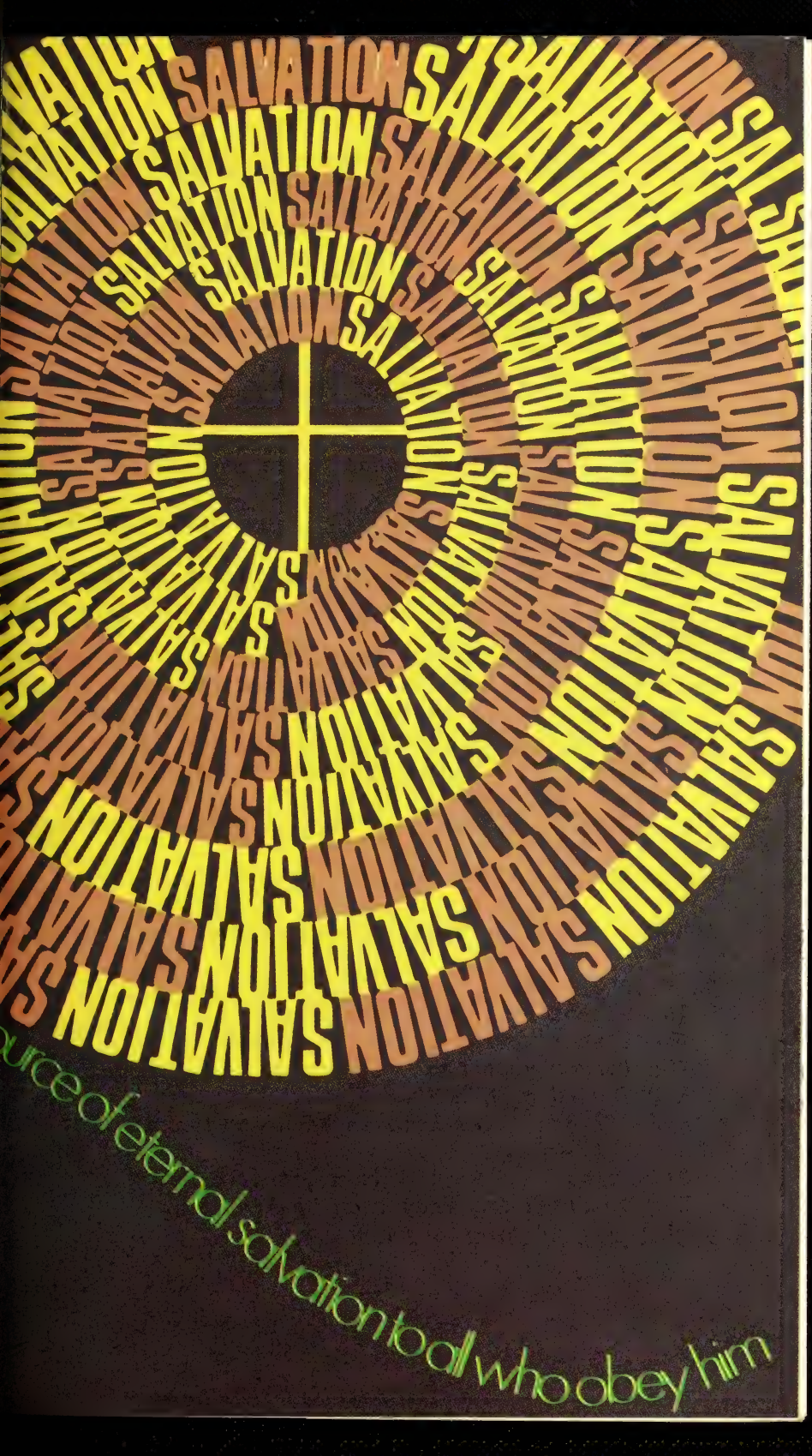
When the soft dews of kindly sleep
My wearied eyelids gently steep,
Be my last thought, how sweet to rest
Forever on my Savior's breast.

DECEASED TO BE MEMORIALIZED

Marc Gribble	June 1973
S. H. Abell	July 1973
Mrs. Ossie Matlock	September 1973
Lawrence J. Toombs	October 1973
Woodrow W. Cox	November 1973
Infant Troxler	December 1973

MAGNOLIA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION
Treasurer's Report
May 1, 1973 ----- May 1, 1974

Balance May 1, 1973		
Checking Account	$ 1,161.16	
Savings Certificates	3,200.00	$ 4,361.16
Receipts		
Dues	398.00	
Dividends	164.00	562.00
Disbursements		
Postal Supplies - Printing	15.60	
Cemetery Work	70.00	
Cemetery Marker	870.00	955.60
Balance May 1, 1974		
Checking Account	767.56	
Savings Certificates	3,200.00	$ 3,967.56


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source of eternal salvation to all who obey him

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May 26, 1974 Ascension Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major Bac

CHORAL INTROIT Praise Ye The Lor
Call to Worship
*HYMN OF PRAISE 195 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Nam
(st. 1-4)

*UNISON PRAYER
Eternal God, merciful in all your acts and holding in your hands both the living and the dead, enable us to accept the mystery of your faithfulness, that no infidelity of ours may destroy our relationship with you; in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray: "Our Father, who..."

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Acts 1:6-11; I Timothy 3:1
* Gloria Patri
*STATEMENT OF FAITH

ANTHEM For You Shall Go Out in Joy Newberr

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Prayer Response Threefold Ame

THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 328 "The Lord is Rich and Merciful"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Adagio from Concerto No. 2 Bac
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
RESPONSIVE READING OF HYMN 197

SERMON "Jesus Christ is Lord": this they believed and tried to say in the language and concepts of their day. No less do our hearts confess.

*HYMN 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Sr., by the Family.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen W. Edgerton and R. Jane McLelland whose Service of Marriage was celebrated here yesterday.

TODAY: 4:00 Acolytes

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Southern Conference will be held June 7-9 with our church and college as hosts. Bill Blanchard is our official delegate. On June 9, the conference delegates will join us for our Service of Worship. Guest speaker will be Dr. Edward Powers, General Secretary of the Division of Evangelism, Church Extension, and Education of the UCC.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

CONGRATULATIONS to Captain and Mrs. David McLelland upon the birth of Carrie Elizabeth McLelland on May 19.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER **May 26, 1974**
Heb. 5:1-10

In America today we don't rejoice much in salvation. Mostly we argue about it. We dispute whether it is in this world or a message about the next. We quarrel whether salvation applies to individual persons or to social institutions. But the New Testament regarded salvation as something too powerful to argue about. It insists that all those who care about salvation as offered by Jesus must act differently in the present. Salvation in the Bible always moves quickly to its demands. Salvation, either now or in the world to come, for persons or society, leads to obedience, to changed behavior. Always it is being in the world differently.

JULIANA FOLI, NURSE-MIDWIFE

Juliana Foli, Julie to those who know her, is an example of the sort of person the developing world needs—needs even more than foreign doctors, according to Virginia and Richard Updegraff, missionary doctors of the United Church Board for World Ministries. Julie is a qualified nurse-midwife who has taken special training in family planning education. She runs clinics at the Adidome Hospital in Ghana, West Africa, and at nearby villages, clinics which complete the full range of important services which the villagers need: under-five clinics, prenatal care, and now family-planning.

Family planning is still a very new idea in Ghana where there is no gross overcrowding, except in the largest cities. The villagers are still very skeptical about the advantages of spacing births. The idea is rather to have as many children as possible in the hope that some will survive to work the farm and to care for their parents in their old age. Some of the local church folks are worried also about the loosening of traditional tribal mores, fearing that promiscuity will run riot. Julie has a real way with the villagers, and if anyone can help to build the trusting relationship necessary for them to become better educated and to attain the obvious benefits of health that comes from the spacing of children, she can.

The Updegraffs are convinced that the way foreigners can serve the church and the people best is to increasingly work with people like Julie, sharing skills, insights, and inspirations which come from differing experiences and cultures through a common faith in our one Lord. At the present time there are three doctors at Adidome and more clinical services and training opportunities, thanks to your generosity in giving to Our Christian World Mission.


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June 2, 1974 Pentecost Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Arioso Handel
(Joy Hamilton, Guest Organist)
CHORAL INTROIT Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness
Call to Worship
*HYMN OF PRAISE 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*UNISON PRAYER
O Eternal God, who didst send the Holy Spirit upon the Church on the day of Pentecost, let this same Spirit lead us into all truth, defend us from all sin, enrich us with thy gifts, refresh us with thy comfort, rule our hearts in all things, and lead us in the way everlasting. Amen.
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Job 23:3-17
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS Acts 2:1-4
Romans 8:14-17, 26-30
ANTHEM O How Amiable Vaughan-Williams

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Prayer Response Threefold Amen
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 269 "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Aria Peeters
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Oh, that I knew where I might (see)him.
Forward, backward, left or right - I cannot.

YMN 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

ENEDICTION

Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

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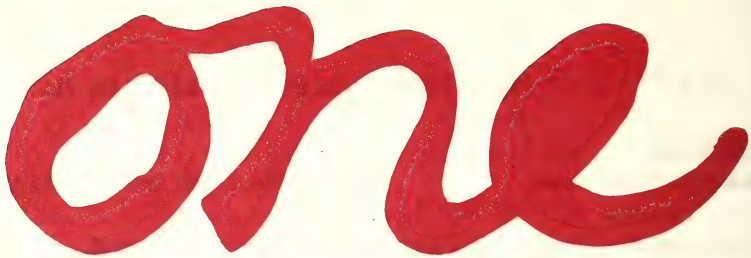
ODAY: 6:00 Junior Hi Youth in Parish House
7:30 Board of Deacons
7:30 Executive Board of Women's Fellowship

HE CONGREGATION is invited to attend the Service of Marriage for Michael White and Carolyn Scott this afternoon at three o'clock at Hawfields Presbyterian Church.

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HE GRADUATION PROGRAM for our Weekday Kindergarten will be held tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House.



PENTECOST SUNDAY **June 2, 1974**

1 Corinthians 12:1-13

It is the way of the world to divide us. We are immediately parent-child, pastor-parishioner, manager-laborer, doctor-patient, have or have-not. As soon as we are divided that way, we must vie for power and choose sides to seek advantage. The church quarrels about the same things. But to be the church means to reject such divisions and choosing up sides. We are one, one body. Think of that! The walls which insulated us have been penetrated. Power and resources flow back and forth. Weeping shakes the whole body; rejoicing heals us all. Our life is not a carbon copy of the world. The church knows a more excellent way, and it is not the way of win-lose.

PENTECOST – FROM THEN UNTIL NOW

For the Jews of Jesus' day, the fiftieth day (*penta costa* in Greek) after Passover was a festival of thanksgiving for the harvest. As in our own nation, this came to be celebrated as a feast commemorating the origins of the nation itself. For Judaism that meant the giving of the Law to Moses on Sinai. But for the little band of apostles who had witnessed the death and resurrection of Jesus, Pentecost became more than that. On that day they were filled with a new spirit, not of Jewish law but of resurrection freedom: the new, exhilarating presence of Jesus in power in the midst of his community. The harvest for which they gave thanks was all humanity. For some centuries thereafter, the entire fifty days from Easter to Pentecost were known in the church as Pentecost, and were the celebration of the Resurrection and Ascension of Christ, and the Descent of the Holy Spirit – the harvester of the souls of humanity and the witness to all the deeds and words of Christ. It is the church's joy and gift to live in the presence and power of this Spirit. "Come, Holy Spirit . . . Come, Lord Jesus."

Rev. Horace T. Allen, Jr.
Associate for Worship, Program Agency
United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

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SERVICE OF WORSHIP

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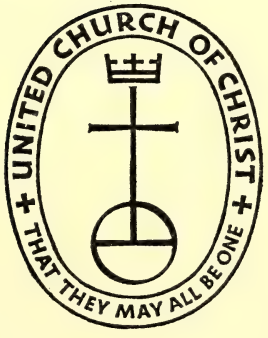
SOUTHERN CONFERENCE

United Church of Christ

June 9, 1974

Elon College Community Church

Elon College, North Carolina



JESUS AS OUR SHALOM

THE PROCESSION ..... from Whitley Auditorium

Prelude: "Prelude in D Major" ..... J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Mr. Hamilton

Pastor: Shalom is a word of parting: "Shalom I leave with you" (John 14:27).
Shalom is a word of greeting: "Shalom be to this house" (Luke 10:5).
Let us greet one another. Shalom!

People: Shalom!

Choir: "Now Let Every Tongue Above Thee" ..... J. S. Bach

*HYMN OF PRAISE: "God of Grace and God of Glory"
(Hymnal: 366) (booklet: 13)

INVOCATION ..... Mr. Hamilton

Pastor: "The central vision of world history in the Bible is that all of creation is one, every creature in community with every other, living in harmony and security toward the joy and well-being of every other creature . . ."
(W. Brueggemann)

People: Eternal Lord, let shalom break through in our midst and throughout the earth. Amen.

A LITANY OF CONFESSION ..... Mr. Lackey

Pastor: There are forces within society which work against shalom.

People: We confess that we are society.

Pastor: We are organized to receive and distribute benefits on the basis of racial characteristics.
Consider Indian, Black, and other minorities.

People: When we live in shalom, we act against racism. But we often don't.

Pastor: We are organized to receive and distribute benefits on the basis of sexual characteristics.
Consider the stereotyped roles of women.

People: When we live in shalom, we act against sexism. But we often don't.

Pastor: Imperialism is the attempt of one person or nation to dominate others, based on the belief in one's superiority over others. Consider imperialism among nations, within families, within communities.

People: When we live in shalom, we act against imperialism. But we often don't.

Pastor: Militarism is the attempt to resolve all issues by force. It divides the world into "we" and "they" halves. Consider the "win at whatever cost" philosophy.

People: When we live in shalom, we act against militarism. But we often don't.

All: Shalom is a vision of the reign of the Prince of Peace. Of such a dream is hope born. Shall we ever learn shalom?

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON ..... Mr. Lackey

*THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... Mr. Lackey

Pastor: Let us affirm Jesus as our Shalom.

People: "In Jesus Christ, the Man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, he has come to us and shared our common lot." In Him hope happens and SHALOM comes to be. The powers of evil meet their match and the future is opened. A new people is born to celebrate the deeds of God and to participate in the Spirit's ever-fresh stirrings of liberation and reconciliation. "Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto him!"

ANTHEM: "He Comes To Us" ..... J. Marshall

He comes to us as One unknown, without a name,
as of old, by the lakeside, he came to those
who knew him not.

He speaks to us, he speaks the same word:
"Follow! Follow! Follow thou me!"
and sets us to the ask which he has to fulfill
for our time.

He commands. And to those who obey him,
whether they be wise or simple,
he will reveal himself in the toils,
the conflicts, the sufferings
which they shall pass through in his fellowship,
and, as an ineffable mystery, they shall learn
in their own experience who he is.

Text by Dr. Albert Schweitzer

THE MORNING PRAYERS ..... Mr. Hamilton

Choral Response ..... "O Thou Who Hearest Prayer"

THE OFFERING

Offertory: "Liebster Jesu" ..... Arr. Purvis

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SCRIPTURE READINGS ..... Mr. Lackey

*SHALOM HYMN: "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love" (Booklet: 8)

SERMON ..... Dr. Powers

A RESPONSIVE LITANY (each line repeated after the leader)

Say it loud! Say it clear!
For the whole world to hear.
God is not dead.
God is bread. God is bread. God is bread.
God is bread for North Vietnam and South Vietnam.
Bread for Israel and bread for the Arab World.
God is bread for the poor and bread for the rich.
Bread for the black, bread for the white.
God is bread.
Bread of peace, broken for all mankind.
Wine of hope, poured out for the nations.
The nations will come to God's banquet.
Soon the nations will come.
All nations are already on their way.
For the war is over.
Listen, the war is over.
Hey, listen folks: the war is over.
Shalom, Shalom, Shalom. Amen.

*SHALOM HYMN: "We've a Story to Tell To The Nations" (Booklet: 14)

*CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE ..... Mr. Hamilton

Pastor: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the children of God." Then go, go into the world and work for peace.

People: Lord, make us instruments of your peace;
where there is hatred, let us sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that we may not so much
seek to be consoled, as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

*BENEDICTION ..... Mr. Hamilton
Choral Response: "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing"

*POSTLUDE: "Passacaglia in G minor" ..... G. Young



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Elon College, N. C.

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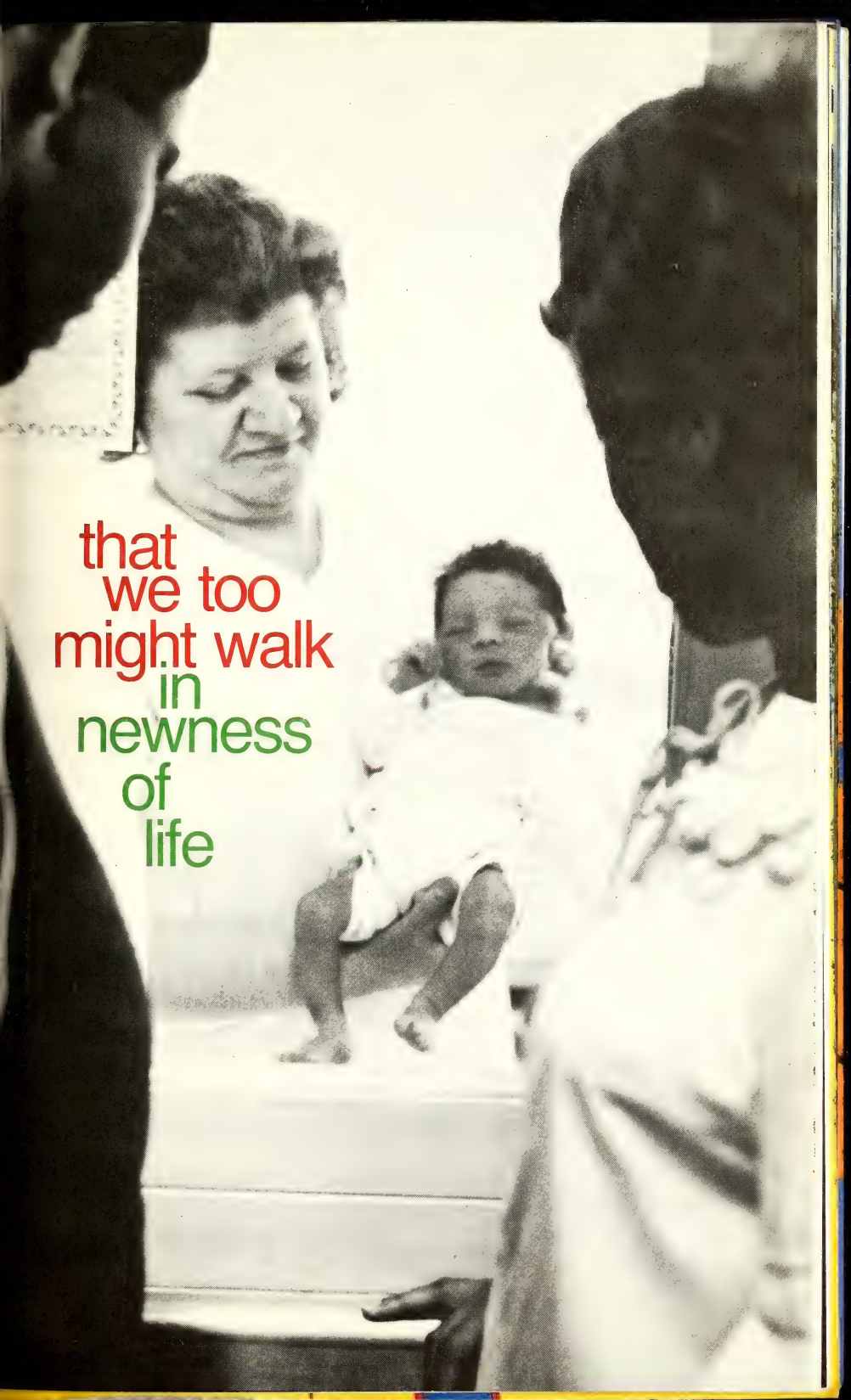
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that
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June 16, 1974 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Our Father in Heaven Schneider

CHORAL INTROIT Spirit of the Living God
Call to Worship
*HYMN OF PRAISE 8 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)
O God, you have shown us in Jesus where to look for substance in life. Help us to keep close enough to him in spirit that day by day we may spend ourselves in love and service. Amen
OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Ezekiel 34:25-31
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 1:1-10

ANTHEM Praise Ye The Lord Ivanoff

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Prayer Response Threefold Amen
THE CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 376 "Lead Us, O Father" (st. 1-3)
THE OFFERING
Offertory O Thou of God the Father Walther
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Shalom - An Attitude of Worry and Non-Worry

*HYMN 341 "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest
* Postlude Toccata in F Buxtehude

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. S. W. Caddell by the Family.

OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE begins today and continues through August 11. Church School is at 9:00 and Church Worship at 10:00.

TODAY: Family Night is this evening at 6:00. We will meet for softball at the college practice field. All ages, youth and adults, are invited.

THE DAILY RECREATION PROGRAM, sponsored by the Elon Recreation Commission and our Church, begins tomorrow morning at 9:00. The program is for children in grades 1-8. An arts and crafts program will be held Tuesday and Thursday in the Parish House from 9:00 to 10:30.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in the choir room.

EIGHT of our young people have made reservations for summer camp at Johns River or Moonelon. Additional registrations should be made immediately. Miss Grubb has brochures.

A COFFEE HOUR, sponsored by the Outreach Committee, will follow our Service this morning. We hope you can linger and enjoy the fellowship of your fellow members.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL for nursery through Junior ages will be held July 22 - 26. Three more teachers are still needed.

in newness of life

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **June 16, 1974**

Romans 6:1-11

The church dramatizes the gift of life in baptism. Have you reflected lately on what your baptism means? You are named! That's not a label for manipulation but a name which protects your peculiar, precious identity. But more—you are named by God! You are inalienably a "you." Nobody can make you an "it." You are meant to be treasured and not manipulated. Baptism, yours included, is a retelling of the Exodus. Baptism is movement from slavery to freedom. It is the drama from tyranny to trust. Our situation is changed. We live not where Pharoah is in charge but where God meets us. That place is not characterized by brick quotas but by surprising manna and gushing, sweet water.

A HAPPY BEGINNING FOR 2,200 ARIZONA YOUNGSTERS

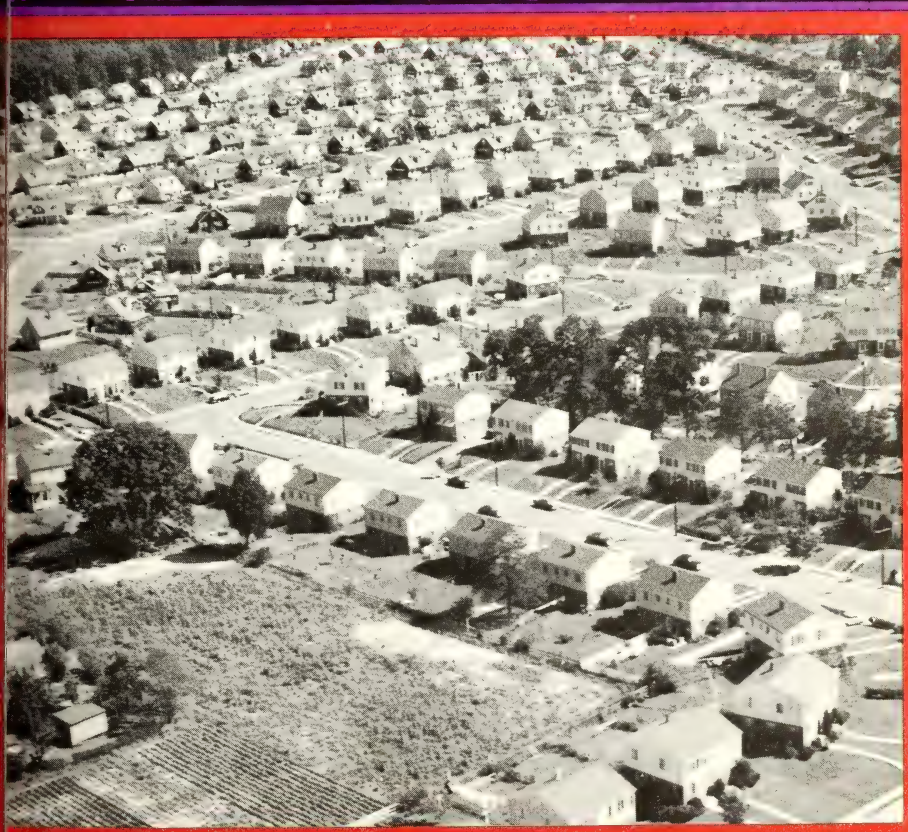
More than two thousand pre-school youngsters—black, white, Chicano, Indian—are currently being cared for in more than forty day-care centers in Arizona. Twenty-six of the centers rely on private funds donated by the Save-A-Child League, Phoenix Metropolitan United Way, and Tucson United Community Services. (The others rely on Federal Model Cities funds.) Part of the support of these centers has come from local churches of the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ and from the United Church Board for Homeland Ministries. One of the centers, named *Kee 'N Bah,* meaning boy and girl in Navajo, was recently featured in the U.C.C. filmstrip *Time to Rejoice!*

Good food and friendly surroundings serve as catalysts for an educational experience for the youngsters whose parents work during the day. Each center schedules a morning and afternoon snack and a hot lunch. The *Kee 'N Bah* Center also serves a hot breakfast, since many parents leave for work before the normal breakfast hour. The children, ranging in age from two to five, play games together but also learn to keep quiet and listen to the teacher.

Kee 'N Bah Center handles between 20 and 28 children and spends about $6 or $7 per child per day, a figure somewhat higher than at the larger centers. Parents are charged $1 per child per day to help offset the costs and to symbolize their own participation in the program. The *Kee 'N Bah* Center is an example of how the church can, through leadership and strategically placed funds, encourage communities to solve unmet problems and meet hitherto unmet needs.

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June 23, 1974 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Elegie Peeters

CHORAL INTROIT This is the Day the Lord has made
Call to Worship
*PROCESSIONAL 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

UNISON PRAYER
Grant to us, our God, the spirit to know and to choose the things that are right that we may be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord whose prayer we also make our own:
THE LORD'S PRAYER

PSALTER READING 93, Page 530 Psalm 96
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Colossians 1:15-23

ANTHEM At the Name of Jesus Vaughan-Williams

SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People Choral Amen
CHILDREN'S SERMON
* Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Air on "Greensleeves" arr. Purvis
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Shalom - As Wholeness

*HYMN 268 "Lord, We Thank Thee for Our Brothers"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response May the Grace of Christ the Savior

*POSTLUDE

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Malvin Artley in memory of their fathers, Mr. Norman Artley and Dr. Charles F. Brown.

TODAY: 11:30...The Choir and Music Committee families will have a covered-dish dinner in the Parish House

5:30...Senior Hi Youth

6:00...Family Night softball for all ages at the college practice field

7:00...Worship Committee meets

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THE FINANCE COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday evening at 7:30 in the choir room.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy and other family members upon the death of her mother, Mrs. T. E. Gilliam, Sr., on June 19.

NEW MEMBERS will be received next Sunday.

GOD CHOSE



THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **June 23, 1974**

1 Corinthians 1:26-31

Biblical religion has always been the peculiar treasure of the have-nots. It was not the city-kings but the riffraff who received the land. In Jesus' ministry it was the publicans and sinners, lepers and outcasts who received him. It really hasn't changed. The raw gospel of freedom produced freedom songs and freedom acts for civil rights. It supplied rhetoric and courage for poor people and for women's liberation. But always power for the weak has been a threat to the strong, the high, the exalted. Our problem in affluent America is that we who are strong and well-off have this gospel and don't know what to do with it. Its raw power is as much a threat as a promise to us, because we are not weak and low.

A MINISTRY OF CONCRETE BLOCKS

In Mbandaka, Zaire, a city of 150,000 people, housing is a major need. Yet there is only one concrete and building-block plant in existence, and its equipment dates back to the days before independence when this new country was part of the Belgian Congo. Today, the equipment is on the verge of collapse or has already "conked out."

The amazing thing is that soon after Zaire gained its independence, the government turned to the church—the Église du Christ au Zaire—for help. The church was seen as a stable and responsible, service-minded institution. Because its own finances were limited, the church in Zaire turned for help to the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States, to which it was related. And, because of the special relationship which the United Church Board for World Ministries has with the Christian Church (we share a common administration of ministries in India, for example), the "help" turned out to be the Millard Fuller family, members of the United Church of Christ from Americus, Georgia. Millard Fuller was the director of Koinonia Farm, an interracial experimental community in Americus from 1968 to 1972.

"My first priority," states Fuller, "is to get this block-and-sand operation going. By doing so, we can precipitate other things like the house-building scheme." Additional help has come from the World Council of Churches and from our own UCBWM which recently granted the project $5,000.

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June 30, 1974 10:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in G Minor Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship Chaplain Truit
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living Go
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Eternal God, help us to come to worship in humilit and joy. We bring our unfinished work, our tarnished ideals, and our broken hopes with the request that we may be healed, restored, and redirected in glad service. Help us worthily to pray the Master's Prayer.
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 251 "Holy, Holy, Holy!"
THE LIVING WORD
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* The Gloria Patri
THE SPOKEN WORD
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Welcome
Reception of New Members
* The Statement of Faith Hymna
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God!"
Sermon Shalom - Justice Mr. Hamilto
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio for Organ Youn
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 490 "Now in the Days of Youth"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Father Give Thy Benediction

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Dr. and Mrs. Clyde Fields.

MISS MELINDA L. TRUITT is received today as a member of our congregation by letter of transfer.

THE BOARD OF DEACONS and their families will meet at 12:00 noon today for a covered-dish dinner and brief business session.

NEXT SUNDAY, the kindergarten through senior high church school classes will meet as a group in the Parish House. The adult classes will meet separately as usual.

OTHER: Chaplain John G. Truitt is our Liturgist of the morning...articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...Frank Chafee and Chris Vickers attended Camp Moonelon last week...The Church office will be closed on Thursday...The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Church School 9:00 a.m.

Church Worship 10:00 a.m.



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **June 30, 1974**

Acts 10:34-48

Maybe God doesn't show partiality but he ought at least to notice my strengths. He ought to observe my faithful, generous churchmanship, my family past in the church, my responsible, caring citizenship. He ought to, but he doesn't. He treats the others just as he treats me, the lazy ones, the immoral ones, the come-lately ones, the naive ones who don't understand what it takes to keep it all functioning. He gives no credit to my proper appearance or to my generous heart. Maybe you call that impartiality, but it feels like favoritism. Judged by the world's standards, God is biased. The tilt of the gospel is toward the undeserving. It's really not favoritism. It just seems like it when they count as much as I do.

POWER FOR THE ELDERLY

Each month, twenty-five older persons are helped to find part-time work. Every day, elderly and incapacitated persons are telephoned and brought into human contact and into a relationship of care. Regularly each week, volunteers including college students and seminarians visit nearby nursing homes, seminary students serve as outreach workers for the elderly in public housing, and VISTA volunteers work out of six information centers they have developed in highly concentrated areas of the city. All these things happen because of the Sage Advocate Program which is sponsored jointly by the New Haven, Connecticut, Downtown Cooperative Ministry and the New Samaritan Corporation, a creative arm of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ, which saw community advocacy for the elderly as one way in which the church could show its concern for older persons. Sage Advocate is not, however, a narrowly denominational program. A wide variety of church groups participate and share the responsibility.

Individual churches and groups in other towns and cities have inquired how they can create their own similar programs of outreach. Any church or group of churches might begin by hiring a person or releasing some staff person part-time to seek out key problems facing the elderly.

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BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE DO?

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July 7, 1974 10:00 a.m

PRELUDE Communion Meditation Peeter

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. 7:10,1
Choir "This is the Day the Lord has made
Pastor: Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb!
People: Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and might be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

*HYMN 503 "Open Now thy Gates of Beauty"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION
The Lord's Prayer
NEW TESTAMENT READING II Timothy 1:3-7; 2:8-
* Gloria Patri
THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Amen
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit
Pastor: Let us pray.
THE OFFERING
Offertory Adagio for Organ Schei
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
COMMUNION MEDITATION We Remember the Life of Jesus

*HYMN 254 "Break Thou the Bread of Life"

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, P. 4
Assurance of Pardon

Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
Thanksgiving
HYMN 245 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me"

BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of faith.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. George A. Noah.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM was administered yesterday to Mary Elizabeth Gerlach, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerlach.

THE COMMUNITY RECREATION PROGRAM, from 9 to 12 each morning, continues for the next two weeks at the Elon Middle School. Young people in grades 1-8 are invited to attend.

BARBARA ELZEY leaves today for Johns River Camp.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL will be held the week of July 22-26.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

9:00 Church School
10:00 Church Worship



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 7, 1974**

Acts 2:22-42

Mostly I work to keep the boat from rocking. But the boat must be rocked: that is the terrifying part of the Good News. And it refers to my boat and your boat. Repent—which means to face the unwholesome, self-seeking parts of your life and to make some fresh resolves! Be baptized—face up to your destiny as a free, trusted child, no longer a slave free to sneak by and to cut corners! Receive the spirit of holiness—who knows what that means? For a starter, perhaps it means to let some slippage and mystery enter your life. Quit trying to be in control! Quit trying to be God, so that you know all the results before you ever start. It's a risk, because such a rocking boat might capsize, but the potential of such a life is unlimited.

WALTER SNOWA, MODERN EVANGELIST IN INDONESIA

In 1953, the Evangelical Christian Church of Timor in Indonesia had 200,000 members; in 1973, just twenty years later, it had 517,000 members! What happened? After 1965, thousands of animists joined the church—for various reasons. For some it was the politically "safe" thing to do after the abortive Communist coup; for others, the witness of the Christians during that tumultuous time made a deep impression; for still others it was a response to the spiritual revival which broke out on the island of Timor in 1965. The result is that the church ranks are filled with thousands of newly-baptized, inexperienced, usually illiterate members. Such persons pose a tremendous burden for the few church leaders. (Some pastors now have as many as 20,000 to care for!) Leadership training is a must.

Into this setting, the United Church Board for World Ministries in 1969 sent Walter Snowa. He and his Indonesian colleagues provide programs for clergy and lay pastors.

"Right now," Walt writes, "our evangelism is aimed at the people in our churches where the majority of animists are every Sunday morning! I hope that by next year we will be ready to introduce a plan of action to train workers for the areas where there are still unreached people—areas which are mostly isolated. Until now, there has been neither the time, nor the money, nor the workers to do so. Our biggest immediate need is to teach the 'unchurched' people who are now sitting in our churches."

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He is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name



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July 14, 1974 10:00 a.m

PRELUDE Come, Savior of the Gentiles Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living G
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
To this temple, where we call thee, Come, O Lord of hosts, today: With thy wonted lovingkindness hear thy people as they pray; and they fullest benediction shed within its walls alway. Amen

* Hymn 372 "How Firm a Foundation" (st. 1-4

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 112, Page 54
New Testament I Corinthians 8 (NEB

* The Gloria Patri

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Threefold Ame
Solo The Call Vaughn-Willian
(Mrs. Peggy Lackey)
Welcome
Children's Sermon

* Hymn 353 "Lord, I Want To Be A Christian"

Sermon A Little Believing is a Dangerous Thing

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Soliloquy Schreine

* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 218 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Benediction

Choral Response Father Give Thy Benediction

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TODAY 6:00 Family softball at College Field
7:30 Board of Trustees

THE FINAL WEEK of the Daily Recreation Program begins tomorrow morning at the Middle School. Young people in grades1-8 are invited to attend.

AUDITIONS for "Alice in Wonderland" are Tuesday from 10:00-12:00 and 1:00-4:00 in the choir room. Approximately 20 characters will be in the cast, ages to include 6-16.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL begins July 22-26 for nursery through grade 6, from 9:00-12:00. All teachers have been secured including special arts and crafts, recreation and refreshments personnel.

ATTENDING CAMP this week are Cindy Rinker at Moonelon and Billy Elzey at Johns River.

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Church School 9:00 a.m.

Church Worship 10:00 a.m.



SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 14, 1974**

What Is Evangelism?

Evangelism: Communicating the Good News! What is this Good News? However differently dressed in the language and accents of the times in which it is told, it is a story about what God has done, is doing, and will do.

It reports the life of a God who fashioned a world and dreamed of a love returned. And it is a tale of a human being who turned away from its Maker, severing in turn the bonds between neighbor and nature. Yet the drama goes on to speak of a patient Creator who continued to betoken a recalcitrant creature with the press of conscience, the rhythms of nature, and the lessons of history. But to no avail. Again the same unswerving Love acted, calling out a covenant community as a place of fresh overtures, raising up patriarch and prophet to portray the dream of final freedom and peace *(shalom)*. Again, failure.

Finally, the dream took human form in the midst of a hostile world; in Jesus, *Shalom* became flesh and dwelt among us. In one last act of defiance a sought-after humanity killed the dream. Yet that eclipse signaled, paradoxically, the costly divine victory over the lethal powers of human perversity. And on Easter morning the last enemy met its match and the future was opened.

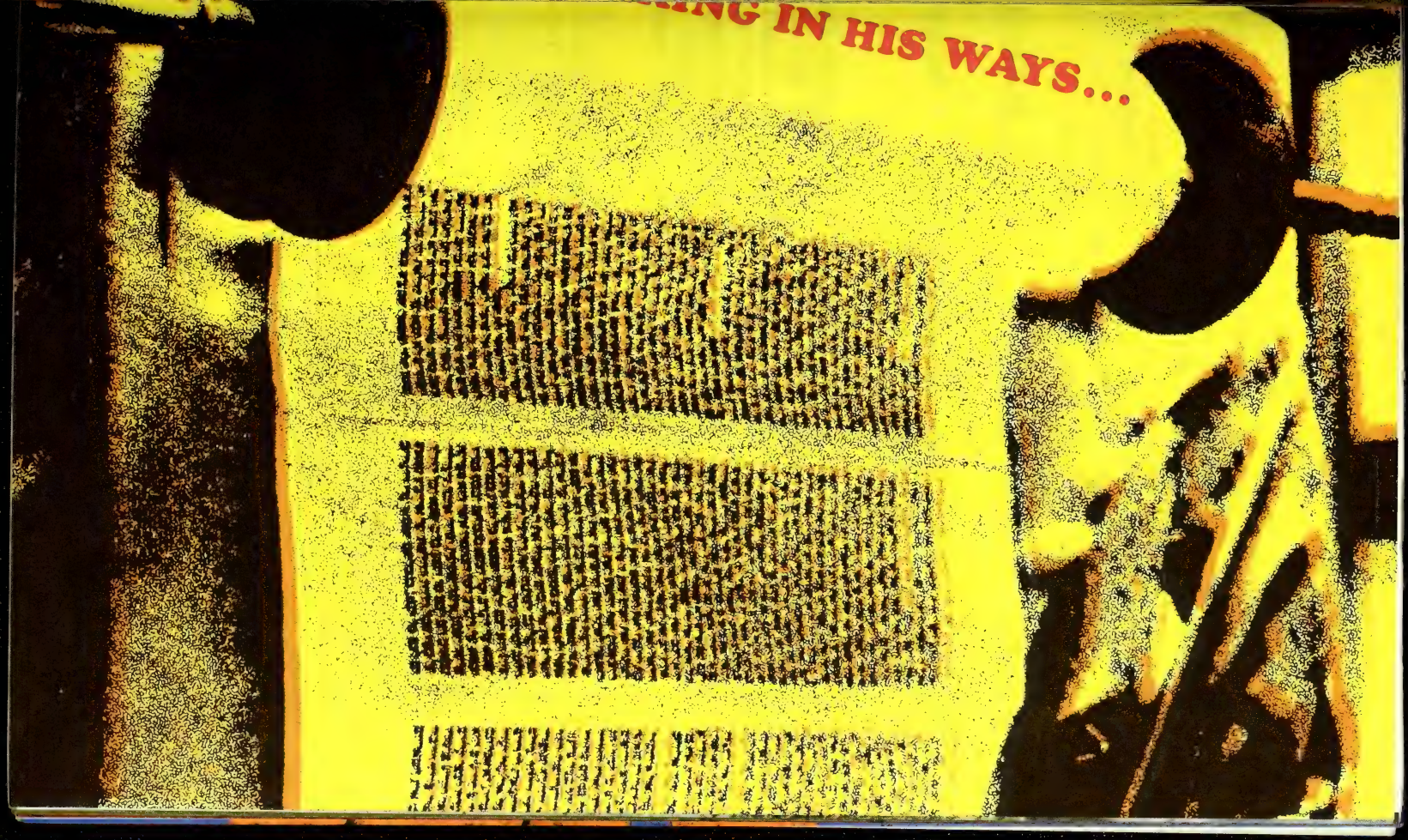
Out of these events – at Bethehem and Galilee, on Calvary, and at the tomb on Easter – a new community was born, made up of those who had caught a glimpse of the first fruits of victory, marking their presence in their own world where the hungry are fed, justice is done, and peace is made, and a community looking for its fruition in the Not Yet. To them belongs the task of telling the story, celebrating it, and enacting it.

Storytelling that goes on *within* the Christian community is the stuff of which preaching, teaching, nurture, and worship are made. Tale-bearing that moves beyond the doors of the church out into the world is evangelism. The Story is authenticated by the evangelist when it is a Word about Shalom spoken in the midst of deeds of Shalom.

– Dr. Gabriel Fackre
Andover Newton Theological School
Consultant on Evangelism
United Church Board for Homeland Ministries

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ING IN HIS WAYS...

ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
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June M. Grubb, Director of Christian Education
Mrs. David Bragg, Director of Music
Del Atkinson and Joe Gminder, Acolytes

July 21, 1974 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE When Morning Gilds the Skies Thompson
(Jane Danieley, Guest Organist)

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Gracious God, I Come Before Thee
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O risen and victorious Christ, in thy life, death, and resurrection, the powers of sin and death have been demolished. Take thy rightful place on the throne of our hearts that we may now and always know the power of thy glorious resurrection. Amen

* Hymn 192 "The Day of Resurrection"

THE LIVING WORD
Unison Reading No. 136, Page 548
New Testament John 20:1-9
* The Gloria Patri

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Choral Amen
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 188 "Joy Dawned Again"
Sermon Could He and Would He?

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory My Heart is Longing Kirnberger
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 193 "Thine Is The Glory"
* Benediction
* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Jim Griswold. Greeters of the Day are T. L. Smith and A. L. Hook.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by John, Lynn, Bonnie Kay, and Andy Baxter in honor of their father, Dr. Robert Baxter, on his birthday today.

AN INFORMAL BUSINESS SESSION of the congregation follows our Service of Worship today. Plans for the building program will be presented.

ALL CHURCH WOMEN will meet following the business session to hear a report from the Nominating Committee.

VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL is this week, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, for nursery through juniors. An opening assembly will be held tomorrow morning in the Parish House at 9:00.

NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON is the Family Night Exhibition from 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., with a picnic supper at 5:30. Make plans to bring your family.

OTHER: Iris Holt is a patient at Memorial and Mary Ann Butler at County Hospital...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Edgerton upon the death of his sister, Ruth N. Edgerton of Rocky Mount on July 16.

BY WALKING IN HIS WAYS...

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **July 21, 1974**

Deuteronomy 8:1-18

Mostly we are not aware that we are walking "a way." We tumble out of bed and in a thoughtless daze go through the day's motions. But this is still a path, the one of least resistance. God's ways are likely not to be those of least resistance. Sometimes they are quiet paths of righteousness beside still waters; sometimes they are in death valleys. Sometimes they are paths to lonely hospital beds. Sometimes they are past lines of shouting state patrolmen. But mostly they are his ways, inviting us to a different agenda. My own paths are more comfortable, but they probably don't lead to life.

KEEPING IN TOUCH IN AKRON

If you had been listening to radio station WHLO in Akron, Ohio, last year, you might have heard a one-minute announcement which the station carried as a public service to the community. The "spot" as it is called in the broadcasting business was prepared by the station manager, Al Saunders, a member of the United Church of Christ. It said:

> "What about the twilight years when for the old and tired, time slows the step and bows the head. When handshakes once firm and strong, now are tentative and fragile. When even the most resolute need help to face their unrelenting foes, pain, and loneliness. Who cares?
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> "The United Church of Christ cares, with a rocking chair on a sunny porch in Dayton, or with a quiet nursing station in a home in Indianapolis. At Fairhaven, Riverview, the Altenheim, at Trinity Home, or as near as Chapel Hill in Canal Fulton, the five United Church Homes have been serving the elderly in Ohio, Kentucky, and Indiana for over fifty years to buffer the hurt of aging with freedom and dignity.
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> "If you are a member of any of the United Church congregations in Akron, then this is your mission and may you continue for as long as the old grow older.
>
> "A message of the United Church of Christ, Akron Area Mission Priority Board."

Increasingly, congregations of the United Church of Christ are getting together to make more effective use of modern means of communication to keep in touch with their communities and their members. Developing spot announcements to let the radio audience know what the U. C. C. is and what it does in your community is just one means open to you. The Office of Communication of our denomination can supply materials to help the churches in your area keep in touch on the air, in print, and on the cable. Perhaps you can take the initiative to bring congregations in your area together to let the community know about work supported through your giving to Our Christian World Mission.

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F I R S T B A P T I S T C H U R C H

Elon College, North Carolina

W. T. Cockman, Pastor

Morning Worship July 28, 1974

We welcome those who visit with us today. A visitor's card is placed in the pew for your convenience. We look forward to meeting you after worship service.

We welcome Reverend Hamilton with us. He and our pastor are exchanging pulpits today. Reverend Hamilton is from Elon Community Church

Three pictures from religious art will be portrayed next Sunday during evening worship.

The Prelude Janie Brown, organist

The Call to Worship "Make Me A Blessing"

The Invocation

The Greeting and Invitation to Worship

*Hymn No. 2 "Love Divine"

The Sharing of God's Word Matthew 25:14-29

The Meditation and Prayer

*Hymn No. 387 "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken"

The Receiving of the Tithes and Offerings

*The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

Choral Anthem "Now That Daylight Fills the Sky"

The Message "Double or Nothing" Reverend Hamilt

*Hymn No. 358 "A Charge to Keep"

The Parting Hymn as the Benediction

The Postlude

EVENING WORSHIP
7:00 P.M.

mn Nos. 371 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"
349 "I Am Thine, O Lord"
e Welcome
e Bible Reading Luke 16:19-31
ditation and Prayer
mn No. 302 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"
e Offering
ecial Music "Go Where the People Are"
Youth Choir
e Message "The Man Who Never Noticed"
Reverend Cockman
mn No. 50 "God Is Love"
e Benediction

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uth Choir will meet today

trip to the Baptist Emergency Care Center in rlington is planned for next Sunday, 2:30 PM. e Bus will leave the church at 2:15.

r pastor will be out of town Tuesday, Wed- sday, and Thursday of next week. Bernard adsher, chairman of deacons, can be reached t 584-6562.

Congregation Standing

Forget the Excuses

About twenty years ago, while I was a pastor in Statesville, North Carolina, our church was trying to enlist Sunday School teachers. I asked Tom Goodin to teach a class of men. Like Moses—and many others—Tom made excuses.

I told Tom that he wasn't expected to teach the class by himself—he was to do it with God's help. All God wanted was for Tom to give his best and let God take care of the rest.

Tom accepted the teaching responsibility. I saw him recently and he told me he is still teaching that class. He also said he is very glad that he did not say no to his opportunity to serve God. He would have missed all those years of Bible study and personal Christian growth. And he would never have experienced the blessings which have come from sharing God's Word with other men.

Too often at this time of year enlisting teachers and other workers degenerates into begging persons to do something they don't want to do. Actually, church members who are chosen for service and given an opportunity to grow in Christian experience and usefulness should consider it an honor.

Accept leadership responsibilities with humility, but at the same time, remember you are not expected to do any job by yourself. Like Tom Goodin, do your best and let God take care of the rest.

WENDALL G. DAVIS

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According to Lamentations 3:25-26, when you can do nothing else, God will do something more.



For twenty years Bill Lucas has served as superintendent of missions for Tarrant Baptist Association, Fort Worth, Texas. Pray for Mr. Lucas and your own superintendent of missions as they help churches do vital mission work in local associations.

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August 4, 1974 10:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living Go
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Almighty God, deepen within us the sense of thy hol presence and refresh us in this hour with thy holy power. Strengthen our faith, we pray, by bringing us close to things infinite and eternal. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, amen.
* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Psalm
New Testament Luke 10:25-3
* The Gloria Patri

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
Choral Response Twofold Ame
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 484 "Remember All the People (st. 1,3
Sermon Whose Neighbor Am I?

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio in D Minor Bac
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 423 "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"
* Benediction
* Choral Response

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Pendergrass.

TODAY: 11:00 Christian Education Committee
6:00 Junior Hi Youth
7:30 Board of Deacons

CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet this week as announced in "The Torch".

ATTENDING Johns River Camp this week are Edrie Updyke and Jim Byers.

A VERY SUCCESSFUL READING PROGRAM has been held this summer at the Elementary School library. The library will be open on the next two Wednesday afternoons, from 1:00 to 3:00. If your children have checked out books, it is important to have them returned by August 14.

HOSPITALIZED: Georgie Moore at Duke.

SERVICE TIMES

August 11 - 9:00 Church School
10:00 Church Worship
August 18 - 9:30 Church School and Church Worship combine so that you can attend the Summer Baccalaureate-Commencement at Elon College.
August 25 - 9:45 Church School
11:00 Church Worship

upon God's mercy



NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 4, 1974**

Rom. 9:14-26

One of the hard balances in Christian faith concerns how much is human action and how much is God's doing. Much lies within our human competence, most of which has to do with ordering our common life. We can enhance human life or diminish it. We can design institutions for justice or for subtle oppression. This we understand, but other things finally are beyond our competence. We cannot finally certify human worth. We cannot bestow human security. We cannot arrange life so that we are safe. We cannot guarantee our joy or our longevity or our being loved. That's a hard lesson. We know how to do so much, but at the crucial places, we have no alternative but to trust—and quit hustling so much.

SISTER HOSPITALS IN OHIO AND GHANA

During National Hospital Week last year, the Health, Higher Education, and Welfare Commission of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ, and the United Church Board for World Ministries, demonstrated their deep interest in improved health care by announcing participation in a sister-hospital program linking the Deaconess Hospital of Cleveland with the Evangelical Presbyterian Hospital of Adidome, Ghana.

The purpose of the new endeavor is to emphasize for members of the United Church of Christ in the United States the unity of mission at home and abroad and to help improve medical services in Ghana. Through the program, Deaconess Hospital will send used equipment, cash donations, and eventually personnel to aid the 108-bed Adidome hospital.

The Ghanaian hospital serves patients from the surrounding rural area. They come to the hospital with diseases ranging from acute malnutrition to tuberculosis. The hospital charges about 50¢ per visit for outpatients and 70¢ per day for in-hospital care and medication. A baby delivery costs $3.00, and major surgery costs $20 to $25. While these amounts are small by U. S. standards, they are more than many Ghanaians can afford. The mission-related hospital never sends anyone away for lack of funds, so that the budget is really tight. The hospital has a staff of about a hundred, including four doctors, two of whom—Dr. Richard E. Braun and Dr. Michael Gass—are sent by our United Church Board for World Ministries. Perhaps you can encourage the health and welfare institutions in your community or in your conference to establish such a sisterly relationship with one of the overseas institutions related to the United Church of Christ.

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Jane Alexander and Esther Gminder, Acolytes

August 11, 1974 10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in E Minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Gracious God, I Come Before Thee
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Be Thou, O God, among us in this holy place. Graciously work in our hearts such awareness of our need, such faith in thy love, such desire for thy blessing that we may put all our trust in Thee. Receive our prayers and our worship in the name of Christ. Amen.

* Hymn 1 "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Psalm 119:105-11
New Testament Luke 15:11-24
* The Gloria Patri

THE SPOKEN WORD
Silent Prayers for the President of the United States
The Pastor's Prayer
Choral Response Twofold Amen
Solo How Great Thou Art Mark Sizemore
Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 227 "Fairest Lord Jesus"
Sermon Growing Up

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Chorale Buxtehude
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 384 "Soldiers of Christ, Arise"

* Benediction

* Choral Response Father, Give thy Benediction

* Postlude O Thou of God the Father Bach

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Miss Caroline Powell.

TODAY: 11:00 A lemonade fellowship hour will follow our Morning Worship.
6:00 Junior Hi Youth

WE ARE PLEASED to have Maurine Gminder as guest organist and Mark Sizemore as soloist. Visiting with us are several of the staff members from Vocational Rehabilitation of Alamance, Caswell, and Rockingham counties.

NEXT SUNDAY, Church School and Church Worship will combine at 9:30 to dismiss by 10:15 in order that those who so desire can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement at 10:30 in Whitley Auditorium. Starting August 25, we will resume our fall schedule of Church School at 9:45 and Church Worship at 11:00.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...The Finance Committee meets Thursday evening at 7:00...The congregation unites in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Georgia A. Moore on August 5...Adult Choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday evening at 7:00.



TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 11, 1974**
Romans 13:8-10

Probably you are like me. You are a decent law-abiding, people-respecting citizen who wills harm to no one. That's minimal for the Christian life, but sometimes I make it the maximum. The assertion of our text, "love does no wrong to a neighbor," does not really settle the question. It only raises other questions. Where does legitimate self-interest stop and coveting set in? Where does permitted property management end and stealing commence? Where does free affirmation of passion end and adultery begin? The rules are so clear, but the actual cases are fuzzy and easily rationalized. And besides that, we are left with the ultimate question: What do they mean by "neighbor?"

DANIEL MEDINA, MODERN EVANGELIST IN HONDURAS

"The trouble with our evangelism," the serious young Mestizo at the end of the table said, breaking into a knowing smile, "is that we're going to war in the Twentieth Century with bows and arrows!"

His name is Daniel Medina. He had been a high school teacher in 1971 when the Honduran church nominated him to receive special communications training in Mexico City. Daniel became Director of the Communications Agency of the Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras and a member of that church's Evangelism Committee.

In Mexico City, Daniel had studied communications theory and had learned how to operate audio-visual equipment and to produce radio and television programs. With a small staff and a small budget he started to help his church to communicate not only with its own members but also with the world beyond.

Although they are "cultural Roman Catholics," eighty-five percent of all Hondurans have no real church connection. The Evangelical and Reformed Church of Honduras has been trying to reach the unreached, but—even after fifty-two years—it has only 1,500 members.

Daniel Medina came back from Mexico with new expertise, with knowledge of how to use new equipment, and—most important—with a new vision. Within a short time, he started a print-and-graphics ministry, mobile cinema shows, and a weekly television show which acquainted an estimated viewing audience of 5,000 persons! "With weapons like these," he comments, "we can really go to battle for the Lord!"

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August 18, 1974 9:30 a.m.

PRELUDE Trio in C Major Handel

SILENT CALL TO WORSHIP
While we deliberate, God reigns;
When we decide, God reigns;
When we decide foolishly, God reigns;
When we serve him in humble loyalty, God reigns;
When we rebel and do not serve him, God reigns;
THE ALMIGHTY GOD REIGNS.

Choral Introit Spirit of the Living God

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (all uniting)
Almighty God, thou hast brought us in this day to this place that we may seek thy will for us together. Warm our hearts, open our minds, that thy word and thy truth may be known to us, and that we may with grace and wisdom rightly understand. Amen.

*HYMN 246 "Come, Thou Almighty King"

SCRIPTURE READING
The Ten Commandments (all uniting) P. 513
Matthew 5:43-48

MOMENTS OF GUIDED PRAYER Choral Response
I would remember before thee, Lord God, all my human brothers and sisters anywhere who need thy help. Especially now I think.....
- of those facing great temptation
- of those in small or large "trouble spots" throughout the world
- of all family circles that are broken
- of _____ and _____ and _____.

OFFERING OF SELF AND POSSESSIONS

Offertory — Adagio for Organ — Young

* Congregational Response — "Praise God From Whom..."

Prayer of Dedication

DIALOGUE — Miss Grubb and Mr. Hamilton

*HYMN 63 "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing" (st. 1,2)

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response — Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended each of you. Especially we greet the youth of the Rosemont Christian Church of Chesapeake, Virginia, who are visiting with us today.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Marsha Lankford by the Western High School Class of 1964.

TODAY'S SERVICE is held early so that those who desire can attend the Elon College Baccalaureate-Commencement at 10:30 in Whitley Auditorium. Our regular schedule of eleven o'clock Services resumes next Sunday when Dr. Clyde Fields will be our guest minister.

THIS EVENING the Building Committee will meet at 7:00 to receive final suggestions before authorizing the architect to proceed with specifications for our new building. Please offer now any suggestions you have.

PERFORMANCES of "Alice in Wonderland" will be held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at 8:00 in Whitley Auditorium. Tickets are available from any of the cast members or the office secretary.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr. and Mrs. James Brown upon the birth of Katherine Ruth Brown of August 13.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30.

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 18, 1974**

1 Peter 2:11-17

Christians can engage in exotic talk about discipleship. But life is very daily and mundane, and we cope with mostly the same problems as everybody else. We are subject to the same laws, and we are victims of the same anxieties. But in the midst of our life as responsible citizens, God claims us for a special quality of life. The text on the front cover of our bulletin really doesn't answer questions about our quality of life. It only asks them. Live as free! How free? Free of what? Taxes, the draft, speeding laws? Free for what? Self-seeking, compassion, manipulation? Hard to say, but the text asks us to reflect on these matters, to self-consciously decide on the quality of our public participation. Citizenship is a condition in which Jesus is Lord.

TOWARD A RADICAL REBIRTH OF THE WHOLE PEOPLE OF GOD

In recent years, the ecumenical community of Taizé, France, a unique Protestant monastic community, has taken the lead in preparing for a worldwide council of youth and young adults. Last Easter, over 18,000 young people between 18 and 30 years of age from 100 countries took part at Taizé in a variety of international youth meetings. For later this month, on August 30th, they have planned an opening event in a year-long, worldwide effort. Similar events will take place in Africa, Latin America, Asia, and North America.

Three basic intentions are at the heart of the year-long effort:

- To ensure the radical re-birth of the whole people of God, in order that the church be consequent with its universal calling, that it become a place of communion for all people, especially attentive to those who are poor.
- To seek—without fear of the unknown—to explore simultaneously the dimensions of the people of God: depth—moving from doubt toward belief; breadth—inscribing the Gospel within human history; height—revealing the creative capacities hidden within each human being.
- To create together parables and gestures that speak to our deepest selves and which, better than words, assert our hope.

Several sub-themes will inspire participants at these meetings: living against the stream; contemplation: a renewed way of looking; struggle on behalf of the victims of exploitation; becoming people of communion. Thus young adults—Protestant and Roman Catholic—from all parts of the world are called upon to participate in the search. Perhaps you may wish to learn more by requesting the *Letter from Taizé*, an occasional newsletter. Write: 71460 Taizé-Community, France.

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THEY THREW THEM INTO PRISON

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August 25, 1974 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE My Heart Ever Faithful Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Now Let Every Tongue Adore The
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
O God, our Father, our companion in this sacred hour, renew in us each day our dedication to Christ. Grant us power that worthy thoughts may grow into Christlike deeds of love and service to all. Amen.
* Hymn 263 "Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"
THE LIVING WORD
Old Testament Deuteronomy 4:22-3
New Testament Titus 3:1-1
* The Gloria Patri
THE SPOKEN WORD
Silent Prayers
Pastoral Prayer A Litany for Safety (insert
The Lord's Prayer
Choral Response
Anthem With a Voice of Singing Sha
Welcome
* Hymn 66 "For the Beauty of the Earth"
Sermon He Judges Men and Nations-By Grace Dr. Field
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Elergie Peeter
* The Doxology and Dedication of Gifts

A Litany for SAFETY:



O God, the source and giver of life

℟ To Thee we look in prayer

In every temptation to carelessness;
In every moment of judgment or decision;
And in every choice which results in life or death for others;

℟ Guide us, good Lord.

From discourtesy and carelessness;
From irresponsibility and disinterest in the welfare of others;
From disrespect for law and justice;
From destruction of property and disregard for human life;

℟ Good Lord, deliver us.

To awaken in us a consciousness for the sanctity of life;
To help us love our neighbor as we love ourselves;
To help us respect our neighbor's property and possessions;
And to make us appreciate our personal responsibilities
in bringing about national safety;

℟ We entreat Thee, good Lord

To create a desire to save lives;
To prosper our efforts to awaken concern in others;
To motivate us to educate and inform;
To promote good building codes, defensive driving programs,
and engineering improvements;
To encourage law enforcement and legislation for safety;
And to develop moral responsibility in all men;

℟ We entreat Thee to help us, good Lord.

To protect all who travel by land, water, air or space;
To help all who are in danger;
To send Thy blessing upon those who are stewards of life;
And to have mercy upon all men;

℟ We entreat Thee to hear our prayer, good Lord.

Let us recite the Lord's prayer together:

I PLEDGE IN PRAYER TO DRIVE SAFELY

Lord, in thankfulness to You for life and health, I offer my pledge to drive as safely, alertly, and courteously as I can this day. Help me to keep my mind sharp and my coordination sure. Let me think courteously of others - their safety as well as their chances of error on the road. You have given mankind the blessing of wheels, You have made us masters of miles. Let me be a good steward of this blessing, so that I, in my car today, will be a faithful and humble servant in Your service. Amen.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 302 "O Zion, Haste, Thy Mission (st. 1,2)

* Benediction

* Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Miss Ruth Dunn. Greeters of the Day are Kenneth Harper and Howard Edgerton.

WE ARE PLEASED to have as our guest minister today Dr. Clyde Fields. Dr. Fields is Associate Minister of the Southern Conference and a member of this congregation. We delight in his return to our pulpit.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Alexander and Family.

OUR PASTOR assisted in the Service of Marriage for Mr. and Mrs. Charles Terrell on Friday evening. Following a brief vacation in Ohio, he will return Tuesday evening.

CONGRATULATIONS to Charles B. Terrell and Diana L. Durig whose Service of Marriage was celebrated August 23 in New Martinsville, West Virginia.

YOUNG PEOPLE who have made reservations for the retreat at Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds will meet this evening at 6:00 and at the church on Saturday morning at 8:00.

NEXT SUNDAY is Promotion Day in the Church School. Youth and adults will meet in the sanctuary at 9:45.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Jim Griswold is at Memorial; Miss Lila Newman is at Edgewood Manor.



TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **August 25, 1974**

Acts 16:16-24

Biblical faith begins in freedom. The primal scream of God is "let my people go!" We are very clear that God wills freedom and not slavery, liberty and not prison, but the other side is that faith makes demands which may lead to loss of liberty or even to imprisonment. Daniel ended in a lions' den; the apostles ended in jail. Likely most of us will not choose civil disobedience, but there are conflicts between faith and the established order. Civil disobedience has an honored place in the Bible. We need to be more understanding of and supporting of those who make affirmations because of their faith from which we may flinch.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

After World War II, the church reached out its hand toward the long march of refugees in Europe in their trek from homelessness to resettlement. These stateless people were more than human beings. They were those for whom Christ died—and the church extended compassion. Now most of the refugees from Europe have been resettled. But the church continues to share in ongoing projects including pastoral care for refugees, aid to migrant workers, assistance to the mentally retarded, leadership and vocational training, social centers and youth centers, theological education, and community development.

One example of this last occurs in Greece where Protestant churches in the United States share in a program of self-help development in one of the most inaccessible areas. This comprehensive program includes assistance in honey production, poultry development, experimental farming, and planting of over 70,000 almond trees. A whole way of life is changing for residents of eighty villages—some 86,000 people in all!

The church continues to make its presence felt whenever it can—making a difference in the lives of people in the name of Christ.

—*Rev. Roland K. Huff*
Secretary in General Administration
Unified Promotion
Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

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September 1, 1974 11:00 a

PRELUDE Adagio for Organ Ba

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Spirit of the Living
Prayer of Invocation (all uniti
O God, be in our minds and in our understanding;
O God, be in our eyes and in our looking;
O God, be in our mouths and in our speaking;
O God, be in our hearts and in our thinking. Amen
* Hymn 7 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
THE WRITTEN WORD
Old Testament Exodus 3:1-12 (Moffa
New Testament Romans 12:1-12 (Philli
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer Choral Respo
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Chorale in E Major Fra
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
Lesson for the Children Matthew 12:33-35 (T
* Hymn 223 "O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing"
Sermon God Calls Us: Again, and Again and Again
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* The Statement of Faith (all uniti
* Benediction
* Choral Response "Jesus Calls

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome the coaches and players of the 1974 "Fighting Christians" of Elon College.

HANKS to Dr. J. Earl Danieley who is leading our Service of Worship today. Mr. Hamilton and Miss Grubb are accompanying the Junior High youth on their retreat to Blowing Rock Assembly Grounds this weekend. They will return tomorrow.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Sophia Maude Sharpe Powell by her Family.

HE BOARD OF DEACONS will meet next Sunday evening at 7:30.

HE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow.

HE CONGREGATION JOINS IN expressing Christian Sympathy to Mrs. H. H. Cunningham and Family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Anne Robeson, on August 29.

ROMOTION SUNDAY in our Church School was held this morning. As the new year begins we urge children, youth, and adults to be present for the first session next Sunday.

IE SACRAMENT of Holy Baptism was administered last Sunday to Katherine Ruth Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Brown and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ellis.

RENTS are asked to call the church office giving the names and addresses of sons and daughters who will be in college this fall.

PIES of Devotional Guides for September-October are available on the narthex table.



THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 1, 1974

Labor Sunday

Matthew 25:31-46

Poor, alien, sick, or criminal humans rarely are attractive. But Jesus confronts us in the needs of such persons. We fail or pass faith's final test, not by singing hymns, saying prayers, hearing sermons, or sitting through meetings, but by our neglect or help for "one of the least of these." True faith is shown in practical and courageous work for more equitable distribution of goods, for justice to aliens (people of *another* class, faith, nation, or race), for better delivery of medical care, for a legal system which aims not merely to punish, but to reclaim.

A MINISTRY TO WORKING PEOPLE IN JAPAN

Tom and Wenda Paton, missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries, and their children live in a working-class neighborhood of Tokyo's North Ward. Church and community work is the formal assignment which was given to the Patons by the Kyodan, the United Church of Christ of Japan, upon their return from a furlough in Chicago.

Many of the people first see Tom at work restoring antique chests in the open carport workshop of his Japaneses-style home. From this initial contact have blossomed formation of a citizen's club in a nearby city-housing complex, creation of a Japan-wide Society to Protect Children with Bile-Duct Defects, a Blind and Sighted Citizens Social Action Council which has started a bowling league and cycling club of blind persons, community contacts with patients of a nearby mental hospital, and negotiations for improved traffic safety in the area's narrow streets.

The local newspaper, *Yomiui Shimbun,* recently noted the Patons' trust relationship with their community and headlined the article, "Very Busy in Service to Society." Through your giving to *Our Christian World Mission* you support the Patons in this service to working people in Japan.

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September 8, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in A Minor Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Glory Be To God on High
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O God, be in our minds and in our understanding;
O God, be in our eyes and in our looking;
O God, be in our mouths and in our speaking;
O God, be in our hearts and in our thinking. Amen
* Hymn 15 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"
THE WRITTEN WORD
Old Testament Exodus 23:1-12
New Testament Luke 10:25-28;18:9-14
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer Choral Response
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Soliloquy Schreiner
The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (all uniting)
We present ourselves: our work and our play, our joys and our sorrows, our thoughts and our deeds, just as we are, to be used by thee, O God, for the sake of all people everywhere. Amen
THE SPOKEN WORD
Anthem Give Thanks Lovelace
The Word of Welcome
Children's Sermon

Hymn 98 "My God, I Thank Thee" (st. 1,2)
Sermon Righteousness Can Be A Problem
GOING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 400 "More Love to Thee, O Christ"
Benediction
Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McAdams.

TODAY 3:00-5:00 The Senior Hi Youth meet in the Parish House for fall planning. Supper will follow at 5:15.
7:30 Board of Deacons meets in the Hunter Room.

THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP General Meeting is tomorrow evening at 7:30 in the Parish House. The program will include a film on "The Dancing Prophet".

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE meets tomorrow evening at 7:00 in Miss Grubb's office.

A POWER RETREAT on Worship, Evangelism, and Renewal will be held Tuesday evening from 7:30 to 9:00 at our Haw River Church for all leaders in the local church.

THE ADULT CHOIR is holding a picnic on Wednesday at 5:45 for choir members and others who are interested in joining the choir. Rehearsal will follow at 7:30.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.



FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 8, 1974**

Luke 10:25-37

The priest and the Levite who ignored the wounded and robbed traveller on the Jericho road violated no Roman or Palestinian law. Civil law did not require that the Samaritan bind up the traveller's wounds and provide for his care. Such an act of mercy stands beyond human law. But such mercy falls within the province of divine law. "What is written in the law?" God's law bids us to love him and our neighbor. We give evidence of complying with God's law by acts of mercy, even toward persons with whom we share no apparent kinship and to whom we owe no evident duty.

EVANGELIZATION AND CHURCH EXTENSION IN ANGOLA

In 1971, the Council of the Protestant Church of Central Angola asked Pastor Agostinho Hungulo Silva, an Angolan of the Umbundu tribe, to minister to Umbundu Christians who had moved to a newly-created mining town, Jamba. Pastor Hungulo discovered that Jamba was located in an area where the gospel had first been preached twenty-five to thirty years ago but where the missionary thrust had not been sustained. No one had been baptized, no congregation had been planted among the Chokwe and Ganguela people who lived there.

"Is it part of my work to preach to these tribes also?" Pastor Hungulo asked. "Certainly!" was the reply. So in addition to shepherding the Umbundu congregations at Jamba and at nearby Vila Artur do Paiva, and at Tchamutete, and seeking to witness to non-Christian Umbundu workers in the area, Pastor Hungulo now preaches also to the Chokwes and Ganguelas in the towns and villages. Already some have begun to respond; more than fifty adults and eight children have been baptized. Deacons and deaconesses have been consecrated to assist in the work, and Pastor Hungulo now sees "the fields white for the harvest," though the laborers are few. Bibles and hymnals, funds for programs and funds for church buildings, a first-aid center, and a school are being supplied through support by Christians in Angola and by our United Church Board for World Ministries. You thus are having a part in evangelization and church extension in Angola.

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September 15, 1974 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Vocalise Rachmaninof

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Ligh
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
Give us, O God, eyes of faith to behold your Son - loving, serving, dying, rising. We offer in return our grateful praise, our responsive love, and our devotion to Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

* Hymn 352 "Lift Up Your Hearts"

THE WRITTEN WORD
Old Testament Psalm 145:8-1
New Testament I Corinthians 12:4-12,27-3
Anthem Praise, Power, Dominion Forever Rowle

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer Choral Respons

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory The Call Vaughan-Williams
Peggy Lackey, Soprano

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (all uniting)
Accept our offering, O God, in the name of Christ and bless it unto the service of our brethren in the world. Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
The Ritual of Friendship
Children's Sermon

Hymn 265 "O God, Within Whose Sight"
Sermon The Grace To Accept Diversity
OING OUT TO SERVE
Hymn 60 "Savior, Again To Thy Dear Name"
Benediction
Choral Response Father, Give Thy Benediction

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome the students and faculty of Elon College, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. W. T. Scott. Greeters of the Day are E. W. Brafford and Miss Elna Huey.

HE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. D. Marsh McLelland in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. McLelland and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Norwood.

ODAY, the Senior Hi Youth meet from 4:30 to 6:30 for football and a picnic. All our grades 9-12 young people are invited. They are also holding a bake sale Saturday from 2-5 in the Parish House. Everybody come!

HE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM will be celebrated next Sunday. If you wish to be baptized or to have your children baptized, please make arrangements with the Pastor early this week.

OSPITALIZED: Mary Lee Foster, Bertha Phillips, and Mary Rouse at Memorial.

SS GRUBB leaves tomorrow to attend a meeting of the Association of United Church Educators in Fargo, N.D. followed by a few days vacation. She will return September 27.



FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **September 15, 1974**

Mark 10:1-16

Marriage and divorce have engaged the attention of ethicists, lawmakers, sages, and philosophers since the dawn of conscience. In Jesus' day, civil and religious law ignored the just claims of women and children in the human interaction of marriage and divorce. On the negative side of that interaction, Jesus set sharp limits to divorce. On its joyous side, Jesus provided the basis for enduring marriage. He rooted marital unity in God's ordaining act at Creation and in each marital partner's giving priority to the good of the other instead of seeking one's own rights.

PREPARING CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LEADERS

The church, from its very beginning, has had a direct mandate to teach and to preach—tasks which require the best possible leadership. This mandate, however, also presents congregations with one of their most critical concerns: how to find and to prepare persons to do these tasks.

One solution to the church's problem of developing leadership is now being explored by several denominations working in a partnership arrangement called Joint Educational Development (JED). A project is underway to help build an ecumenical corps of leaders which will be available to assist local congregations across the country in the task of leadership development. Persons who have demonstrated leadership abilities in their own congregations are being recruited and trained to serve as consultants and as trainers of teachers. These persons then will be available to other congregations to help them plan educational programs and train their own local leaders.

Improving the quality of Christian education is one aim of this JED program. Equally important, however, is its aim of challenging all Christians to use the God-given abilities they already have received and to equip them for more effective participation in every area of the life and mission of the church.

—*Miss Joreen Jarrell*
Secretary for Educational Planning
Church Educational Services, Program Agency
United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

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September 22, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Andante Cantabile Tartini

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Morning Has Broken
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Our Father, we thank thee for thy word and for the eternal truths which guide us day by day. Teach us how to turn to thee that thy thoughts may be our thoughts and thy ways our ways. Amen.
* Hymn 263 "Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"
THE WRITTEN WORD
Old Testament Hosea 11:1-9
New Testament Romans 1:1-17
Anthem Let There Be Peace on Earth
Men's Chorus
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
* The Statement of Faith (all uniting)
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer Choral Response
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Chant de Mai Jongen
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (all uniting)
O Lord our God, receive our offerings, we pray. And by the persuasion of thy love, make us willing to offer ourselves wholly to thee. Amen.

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
The Ritual of Friendship
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 381 "My Faith, It is an Oaken Staff" (st. 1-2)
Sermon Christian Lifestyle:
To Whom Do You Belong?

GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 366 "God of Grace and God of Glory"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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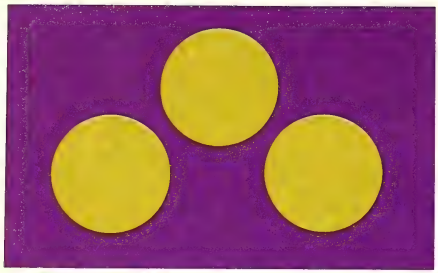
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. L. D. Martin by the Family.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered today to A. Mark Primm, Jr. and A. Mark Primm, III.

THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE meets this evening at 7:00 in the Choir Room.

NEXT SUNDAY, our church school officers and teachers will be installed. A congregational covered dish dinner in their honor will be held at 12:30 in the McFarland Building.

THE CONGREGATION joins in expressing Christian Sympathy to Caroline Powell and Family upon the death of her sister, Mrs. Mary P. Brantley on September 19.



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 22, 1974

Matthew 25:14-30

The church is an asset in many ways. It nourishes friendship, provides outlets for service, helps with personal development, acts as a center for community life. But in none of this is the church unique. It is unique because in Jesus' life, death, and continuing presence, God entrusts us with his gospel. Faithful stewards do not bury that gospel inside the church. As individuals, they embody it in daily faith, conduct, and hope. As citizens, they extend the reign of the gospel by responsible action for love, justice, and peace throughout human society.

YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF HEALTH-CARE SERVICES

The annual Neighbors in Need (NIN) all-church offering this year will help meet the need of low-income and welfare families for health-care services.

Federal, state, and local governments make health care available to such families, but all too often they—your neighbors—are unaware of this. NIN will support a nationwide educational campaign aimed at eligible low-income families. The Division of Health and Welfare of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries will administer the funds for this project.

Early diagnosis and treatment of health problems are also needed. Recent studies indicate that many children have undetected needs for dental care, eyeglasses, and immunization against common childhood diseases. NIN funds will provide initial start-up costs of four model Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Centers. These centers are expected to become financially self-supporting through government purchase of services by the end of the first year. One center is already under way in West Las Vegas, Nevada. Others are proposed in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in the South, and in rural New England.

When you give to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering, you are helping your neighbors in need of health-care services.

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September 29, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE In the Hour of Deepest Need Bach

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Break Forth, O Heavenly Light
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O God of mercy, have mercy on us.
O God of light, shine upon us.
O God of power, be our strength.
O God of love, let love flow through us.
O God of life, live within us now and always. Amen
* Hymn 441 "Once To Every Man and Nation"
THE WRITTEN WORD
New Testament Romans 12:1-18 (Barclay)
Anthem Psalm 103 N. Cain
THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer Choral Response
PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Adagio for Organ Handel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication (all uniting)
Our God, we give thanks for all your gifts to us. We give these offerings to express our thanksgiving in Jesus' name. Amen

THE SPOKEN WORD

The Word of Welcome

Children's Sermon

* Hymn 479 "Father We Thank Thee"

Sermon Christian Lifestyle:
Vive la Difference

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 446 "God the Omnipotent"

* Benediction

* Choral Response The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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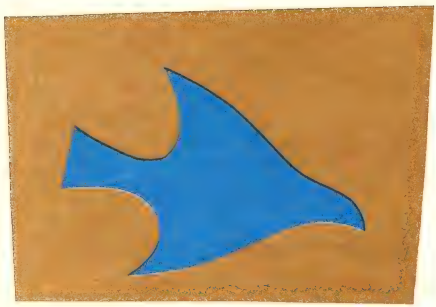
THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Foster and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Foster, Jr., by Miss Mary Lee Foster.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION for our Church School teachers is held today. Following the Service today, at 12:30, a covered dish dinner in their honor will be held at the McFarland Building of the Elon Home for Children. The congregation is invited.

TODAY: 4:00 New and experienced acolytes
4:30-6:30 Senior Hi Youth
7:00 Parents of Junior Hi Youth

JUNIOR CHOIR: 3:15-4:00 for grades 3-7

OTHER: Mary Rouse and Mabel Veazey are patients at Memorial Hospital...Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning...The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated next Sunday.



SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST September 29, 1974

Luke 12:13-21

The absence and presence of possessions are threats to human existence. Poverty imperils human health and dignity, endangers social justice and peace. Wealth, too, is a peril. It alienates the affluent from the poor, thus driving a wedge between persons and God. It gets to be an idol which orders priorities and shapes institutions. Thus, Jesus points the affluent in their abundance toward the poor in their want. At the same time, he points both the affluent and the poor beyond possessions to trust in God and to life in God's kingdom of love, justice, and peace.

YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF A BETTER WORK ENVIRONMENT

The annual Neighbors in Need (NIN) all-church offering this year will help meet the need for a better work environment.

Behind factory walls, on large corporate farms far removed from urban centers, or deep down under the earth in mines, millions of Americans are continuously subjected to noise, dust, chemicals, radiation, and other working conditions which rob them of their vitality, health, and dignity. An estimated 80 million Americans spend half their waking hours in work environments which may seriously damage their health and may ultimately claim their lives. Appalachian coal miners, Southeastern textile workers, Western agricultural laborers, and many others are truly our Neighbors in Need.

The United Church Board for Homeland Ministries will use funds from the NIN offering to foster increased public awareness of the work environment as a national health problem. It will encourage and support imaginative efforts by labor, management, and government to make work more healthful. In particular, the Board will support the building of models for responding to particular disasters as they arise and to specific occupational diseases. Regional and national seminars and conferences will be organized to bring together environmentalists, health professionals, working men and women, and government representatives.

When you give to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering, you are helping your neighbors in need of a better work environment.

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October 6, 1974 World Communion Sunday 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Thee We Adore Peeters

CALL TO WORSHIP
Choral Introit Gracious God, I Come before thee, Come thou also unto me; Where we find thee and adore thee, There a heaven on earth must be. To my heart O enter thou, Let it be thy temple now.
Prayer of Invocation
*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:14-21
* Gloria Patri
* The Apostles' Creed, p. 511 (all uniting)
THE PASTORAL PRAYER with Choral Amen
Pastor: The Lord be with you
People: And with thy spirit.
Pastor: Let us pray:
THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem Bread of the World Hodges
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"
* Prayer of Dedication
MEDITATION Love Means To Enter Into The Lives of Others

ANTHEM Ave Verum Mozart

THE SERVICE OF COMMUNION
The Invitation of Christ
Communion Collect
General Confession (in unison) Hymnal, p. 495

Assurance of Pardon
Words of Institution
Distribution of the Elements
* Thanksgiving
*HYMN 97 "God of Our Life"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

THE HOLY COMMUNION is served today to all confirmed members of Christ's Church. We celebrate "open communion", inviting all professing Christians to join us in this Sacrament of Faith. The bread we use today was made by our tenth grade Church School class as a part of their studies on the Sacraments.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hunter by the Family.

TODAY: 3-5 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE MONDAY CIRCLES of the Women's Fellowship meet tomorrow afternoon and evening.

THE JUNIOR CHOIR rehearses Thursday afternoons from 3:15-4:00.

THE RENT-A-KID project of the Senior Hi Youth will be Saturday from 9 to 5. Please call the church office to reserve your youth workers. We suggest that each worker be paid on the basis of $.75 per hour.

THE ANNUAL ENC Association Meeting will be held Wednesday in Sanford. Mr. Hamilton, Miss Grubb, and our three delegates will be in attendance.



love one another

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 6, 1974**

World Communion Sunday
Neighbors in Need All-church Offering **John 15:12-27**

A modern by-product of improved communication is increased alienation. We have been brought nearer one another. It is thus easier for some to exploit others. We are more aware of what divides us. We can more readily get at each other's throats. The dream of one world whose institutions affirm our universal kinship is believed by three worlds: the West, Iron Curtain countries, and the Third World. In such a world can we enable persons to "love one another?" By act and word, can we Christians convey reconciliation and promote unity within God's whole family?

YOUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF EDUCATION ABOUT DRUGS AND OF TREATMENT FOR AND REHABILITATION FROM DRUG ABUSE

The annual Neighbors in Need (NIN) all-church offering this year will help to meet the need for education about drugs and of treatment for and rehabilitation from drug abuse.

The problem of narcotic and non-narcotic drugs has escalated as more and more persons of all races and of all levels of our society have become psychologically and physically dependent on drugs. The side-effects of such dependency include increasing problems of abnormal and anti-social behavior. Drug abuse is a problem of overwhelming proportions.

The Commission for Racial Justice of the United Church of Christ will use funds from the NIN offering to initiate a major program of education about drugs and treatment for and rehabilitation from drug abuse during the coming year. The United Church of Christ, in collaboration and cooperation with private, governmental, and religious agencies, will contribute to the saving of lives now destined to despair and destruction through drug use and abuse.

The proposed program will be directed toward the entire community including members of the United Church of Christ. While the program will be national in scope, it will also identify certain target areas in which models of local church and community action may be developed.

When you give to the Neighbors in Need all-church offering, you are helping your neighbors in need of education about drugs and of treatment for and rehabilitation from drug abuse.

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October 13, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire Peeters

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit Praise Ye the Lord
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Almighty God, from whom we receive the gifts of a true faith and a sure hope, help us to live as those who believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life eternal. In the name of Jesus, amen

* Hymn 247 "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"

THE WRITTEN WORD
New Testament Romans 13:1-10
Anthem He Comes To Us Marshall

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer Choral Response

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Selected
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 485 "This Is My Father's World" (st. 1,3)
Sermon Christian Lifestyle:
Every Law Must Be An Expression of Love

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 433 "God of Our Fathers"
* Benediction
* Choral Response God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Earl W. Vickers, Sr., by Mrs. Vickers.

TODAY 3-5 Jr. Hi and Sr. Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
5:30 Seekers' Class Family Fellowship Dinner
7:00 Every Member Canvass Committee
7:00 Christian Education Committee

PASTOR AND MRS. HAMILTON will be out of town October 15-24. Dr. Alfred Hurst will be providing interim pastoral service and may be contacted directly or through the office secretary.

THE ARTS AND CRAFTS program for adults will be Wednesday from 9 to 12 in the Parish House. All our adults who can be available in the morning hours are invited.

THE ADULT CHOIR rehearses Wednesday evening at 7:30 and the Junior Choir Thursday afternoon at 3:15.

OTHER: Articles for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning. Mary Rouse and Polly Marino are patients at Memorial Hospital...Circle 3 will have a dinner for foreign students on Thursday at 6:00.



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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 13, 1974**

Laity Sunday **Matthew 10:16-25**

Someone has said that, had Jesus' teaching warranted some of our interpretations, he would not have died young on a cross but senile in a featherbed. The news that he lived again would have sparked no new faith but would have evoked a loud yawn. The crucified and risen Jesus offers no comfortable and easy peace. He and his first disciples stood before councils, synagogues, governors, and kings. His disciples today must be ready to stand up to civil authorities, corporation managers, and public opinion, bearing testimony to the gospel and, if need be, ready to endure hardship.

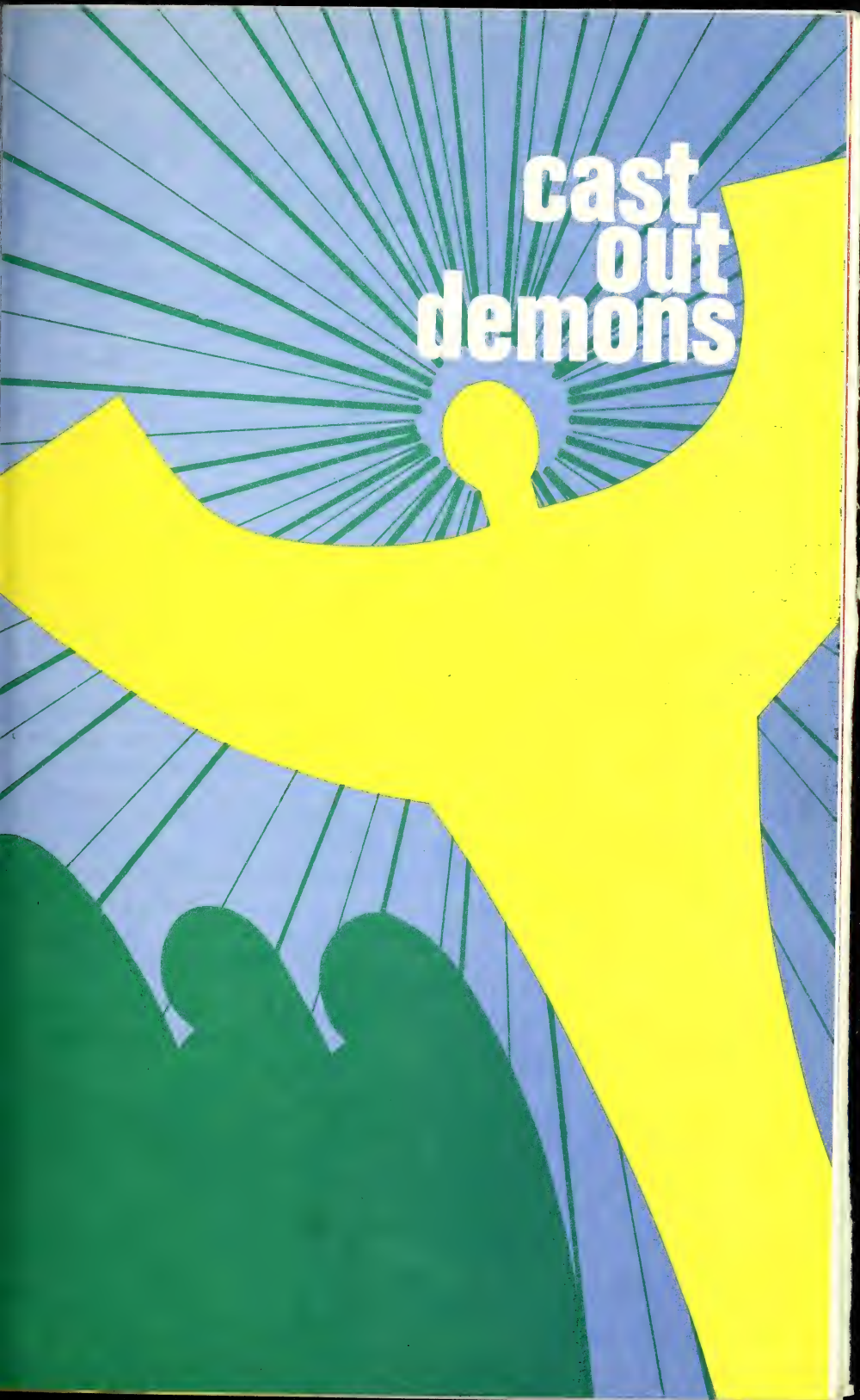
PEOPLE NEED PEOPLE: PEOPLE HELP PEOPLE

It is hard to know who needed whom the most: the people of Clairfield, Tennessee, who needed employment, health and education services, and hope of a better, fuller life, or the people of Eden United Church of Christ 300 miles away in Edwardsville, Illinois, who needed to be part of a helping, caring community. Perhaps they discovered that they needed each other. Through CORA, the Commission on Religion in Appalachia, and the mediation of a former Roman Catholic nun, Miss Marie Cirillo, they got together. The things they have done together bear repeating.

Clairfield, once a flourishing coal-mining town of 12,000 persons, had shrunk to 1,200, due to automation and strip-mining. Although they had no water or sanitary system, no doctor or dentist, no jobs, the people of Clairfield managed to survive with a friendliness, a spirit of helpfulness, and a relaxed pace of living which contrast with much of our twentieth-century urban culture. With the help of Eden Church and of other concerned persons, the people of Clairfield have established a community center, a health clinic, recreation services, and arts and crafts programs. A pallet factory making wooden skids for industry now gives employment to a number of Clairfield residents. As people helped people, they learned to respect one another's motives and succeeded in avoiding either patronizing or resenting one another.

The people of Eden Church have proved to be real friends to the people of Clairfield. When people need people, and people help people, such things happen! Isn't that what the church is intended to be—people helping people?

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October 20, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Jesu, the Father's Only Son Van Hulse

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit God Be In My Head
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)

Almighty God, we have come into thy sanctuary to commune with thee. Be thou our strength, our hope, our guide. Cause us to understand that only through human betterment, true fellowship, and deeds of goodness, can we feel thy presence. May our worship bring peace to our hearts and strengthen our desire to live in peace with all our fellowmen. Amen.

* Hymn 464 "Praise to God, Immortal Praise"

THE WRITTEN WORD
Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:18-21
New Testament Reading Mark 12:28-34
Anthem God of Our Life Purday

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Soli Del Gloria Van Hulse
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

Sermon Loving God With the Whole Person

GOING OUT TO SERVE

Hymn 259 "We Limit Not the Truth of God" tune 459

Benediction

Choral Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Mr. Burton Daniels by Dr. and Mrs. J. Earl Danieley.

WE ARE PLEASED to have as our guest minister today Dr. Alfred Hurst, a former pastor and a member of this congregation. Dr. Hurst may also be called upon for any pastoral services until Mr. Hamilton returns on Friday.

TODAY 3:00-5:00 Senior High Youth (wear old clothes)

NEXT SUNDAY, a brief congregational meeting will follow our morning worship to adopt a 1975 church budget.

THE CONGREGATION joins in an expression of Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Polly Marino on October 14 and to the Family of Mary Rouse who died October 17.

CUB SCOUT PACK 51, sponsored by our church, meets Thursday evening at 7:00 in the Parish House.

SENIOR HIGH "Carnival for UNICEF", next Sunday afternoon.

cast out demons

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 20, 1974**

Matthew 10:5-15

Paul Tillich speaks of an "inexhaustible mystery" which lies beyond full explanation by scientific fact, literary symbol, or religious faith. One facet of this mystery is the evil which cripples our bodies, torments our minds, and disrupts our communities. The church's power to explain this evil is limited. But the church is a community whose practice of mutual acceptance and mutual support mediates Christ's power to free us from possession by hate, guilt, and fear. Christ's mission—and ours—is to cast out such demons.

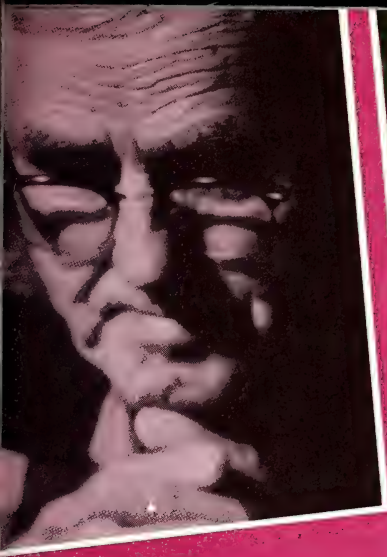
EVANGELISM THROUGH RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN GHANA

Bob and Nelda Thelin, missionaries of our United Church Board for World Ministries, live in northern Ghana where the average annual per capita income is only $150. The agricultural extension work in which Bob is engaged and the rural health service in which Nelda works are part of a team ministry of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church, the church with which we work in this West African nation. The team ministry also includes pastoral and evangelistic work and basic adult education.

"We believe that our program is a partnership with village farmers," writes Bob. "Only as we sit where they sit and learn from them do we find that they are intelligent and perceptive individuals, alongside of whom we can struggle in the attempt to lift the level of life in their communities."

Many people in the area are now reaching out for new methods which the Thelins have introduced, methods of farming—fertilizers, improved seeds, storage facilities, bullock ploughing, and poultry vaccinations—and new ways of improving village life—digging wells, starting child-health clinics, building roads.

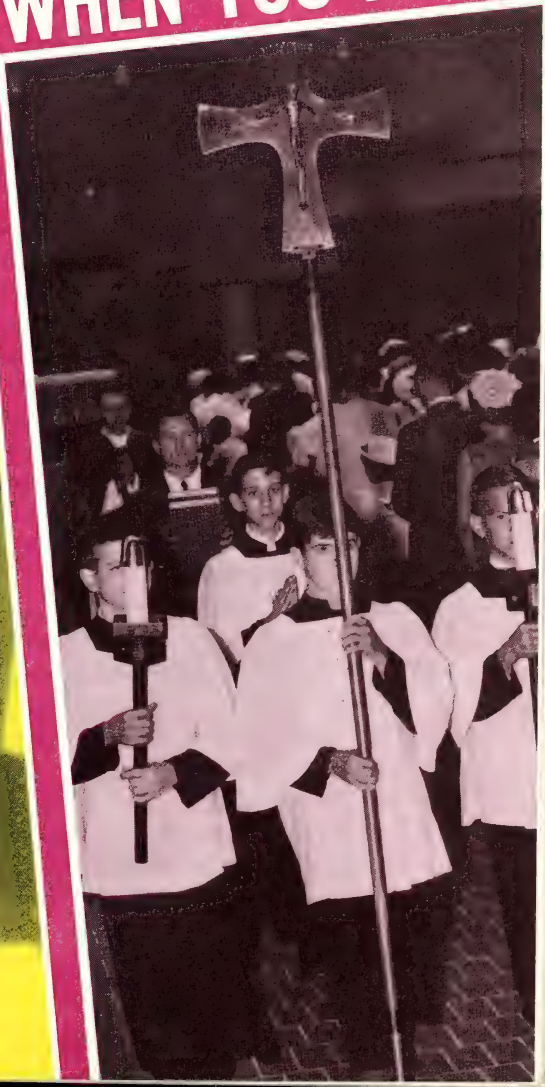
The Thelins put it this way: "We affirm the importance of developing face-to-face relationships, of sharing the burdens of those whom we seek to serve. At every level of our life we stress human dignity, freedom from exploitation, and self-reliance. For those who are searching for purpose and meaning in life, we offer faith in Jesus Christ as the answer to man's deepest needs."





WHEN YOU PRAY





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October 27, 1974 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in F Major Bac

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation
* Hymn 35 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"
A BIBLICAL, MUSICAL DRAMA - "It's Cool in the Furnace"
(based on The Book of Daniel, chapters 1-3)
Daniel: Del Atkinson Nebuchadnezzar: Worden Updyke
Wise Men: Jay Updyke Shadrach: Bert Barbee
Joseph Gminder Meshack: Angie Johnson
Daniel Hamilton Abednego: Janet Wysong

Accompanists: Jane Danieley: Piano
Mary Alice Bragg: Organ
Esther, Nathan, Joseph Gminder:
Percussion and Brass
Directors: June Grubb and Laura Hall

THE WORD OF PRAYER
The Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastor's Prayer for the People

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Andante in A^b Franck
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
Congregational Concerns
New Testament Reading Romans 14:13-15:6

Sermon Christian Lifestyle:
Generosity in Dealing with Others

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 434 "God Send Us Men Whose Aim 'Twill Be"

Benediction

* Indicates when the congregation stands.

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in honor of Mrs. George H. Terry on her 87th birthday by Dr. and Mrs. Paul H. Cheek.

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for the purpose of adopting a 1975 church budget will follow our Service of Worship. The proposed budget has been prepared by the Finance Committee and approved by the Board of Deacons.

TODAY 3-6 Carnival for UNICEF. Entertainment booths and games have been planned by the Junior Hi and Sr. Hi Youth for the whole congregation.

5:00 Confirmation Class

7:00 Worship Committee

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE seeks your suggestions of nominees to the committees of our church. Please contact Wes Alexander.

ARTICLES for "The Torch" are due tomorrow morning.

WHEN YOU PRAY

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **October 27, 1974**

Reformation Sunday **Matthew 6:5-15**

When you pray, pray with honesty from the inmost reaches of your heart. Utter your doubts, confirm your weakness, acknowledge your dislike of neighbor, your impatience with God, your fears about yourself. Your prayer need not be grandly theological or elegantly poetic. Use language which conveys for you what *you* mean to convey. As much as you can, avoid "saying" prayers. When you pray, *pray*. Be ready to wait for an answer. Accept the possibility that, when it comes, the answer you get will not be the answer you expect, but an answer you need.

MOSES, JESUS, AND LUTHER WERE LIBERATORS

Moses braved Pharaoh's wrath and Egypt's armies in a struggle to free the Children of Israel from slavery. Jesus opposed the religious legalists of his day by proclaiming a grace which releases all persons from bondage to the law. Martin Luther confronted the religious and political princes of Sixteenth Century Europe with a declaration that liberty is first of faith, and with the announcement that, in Jesus, we are freed for salvation, quite apart from any duty to perform good works.

Christians today are called to the mission of liberation: to set women and men free from such injustices as ethnic inequity, economic exploitation, poverty, sexism, and war.

In the struggle to liberate people from such injustices, we will run the risks of opposition, hardship, and suffering. If we endure hardship with the perseverance of Moses, endure suffering with a self-giving love like that of Jesus, and face opposition with the stout courage of Luther, we can prepare a legacy of liberty—spiritual, political, and economic—such as we have inherited in our day from these pioneers of our freedom.

—*Rev. George S. Siudy, Jr.*
Secretary for Stewardship Education
Stewardship Council
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For I have found the coin which I had lost

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November 3, 1974 11:00 a.m

PRELUDE Aria for Organ Peeter

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit For All The Saint
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting
O Lord our God, whose Spirit has led us to this place of prayer and worship, grant us earnestly to seek and to find your holy will for us. Then let your power become active through our daily deeds. Amen

* Hymn 232 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

THE WRITTEN WORD
New Testament Romans 14:13-15:
Anthem Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley Spiritua

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer
The Lord's Prayer (all uniting) Twofold Amen

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Sicilienne Faure
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 346 "Come, Let Us Join" (St. 1-3)
Sermon Christian Lifestyle:
Generosity in Dealing with Others

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 383 "Forward Through the Ages"

* Benediction

* Choral Response The Lord Bless You and Keep You

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet the families who are visiting the campus for the Elon College Parents' Weekend. Attending our Guest Register as Church Hostess is Hilda Oxford. Greeters of the Day are G. D. Colclough and Ralph Oxford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by Mr. and Mrs. John D. Schmidt in memory of his mother, Mrs. Maria Van Volkon.

TODAY
3:00 Senior Hi Youth go roller skating
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons
8:00 All Canvassers

WE THANK Malvin Artley Jr., guitarist, and Betsy Weaton, flutist, for their part in our Service today. Both are Elon College music majors.

YOU SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED your invitation to one of the Home Meetings this Thursday or Friday in preparation for the Every Member Canvass. Please attend.

HOSPITALIZED: Howard Loy at Memorial.

CIRCLE MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Circle 1 meets with Mrs. Lewis Drumm.
Circle 2 meets with Mrs. Clyde Fields.
Circle 3 meets with Mrs. Giles Longest.
Circle 4 meets with Miss Gail Crutchfield.
Circle 5 meets with Mrs. Wes Alexander.
Circle 6 meets with Mrs. D. D. Atkinson.

the found coin

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST November 3, 1974

Luke 15:1-10

God is like a father who waits at home for the return of a lost son. God is even more like a woman who ransacks her house, looking for a lost coin. He takes the initiative and sweeps the world seeking to recover an alienated humanity. He has made patriarchs and priests, prophets and apostles his agents in that quest. There is grief in his search. Look at Calvary. There is urgency in his search. No matter how lost, each of us has value to him beyond all price. Thus there is great joy when his search climaxes in our recovery and we enter into his kingdom.

STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE

The Christian's life and work has never been better defined than in the words which come from Paul the Apostle, "stewards of God's grace" (1 Peter 4:10; Ephesians 3:2). This is the Christian's mission: to receive the gift of the grace of God and to be the gift in the lives of others in home, shop, factory, farm, school, in the activities and institutions of the community, and in the structures of society.

Where we ourselves cannot be at any given moment in our own land or in the far-flung places of the continents and islands of the world we are there through *Our Christian World Mission:* the organized activities, programs, projects, and institutions supported by conferences and national agencies of the United Church of Christ through which we steward God's grace in hundreds of places simultaneously through, to mention only a few:

- Engineers drilling for water in India.
- Doctors and nurses tending the sick in Puerto Rico.
- Community workers aiding the disadvantaged in rural Appalachia and in congested cities in the U. S. A.
- Technicians bringing economic self-sufficiency to underdeveloped communities in Latin America.
- Radio broadcasters disseminating the Gospel in Africa and Asia.
- Church leaders counseling pastors and strengthening congregations in the U. S. A. and in twenty-five other countries.

Let your support be regular and generous, that indeed your "stewarding of God's grace" may be all the greater, here, there, and everywhere.

—Rev. Theodore S. Horvath
General Secretary for Program Development
Stewardship Council, United Church of Christ

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November 10, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Adagio from Sonata No. III Mendelssohn

PRAISE TO GOD
Call to Worship
Choral Introit God Be in My Head
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Lord God, bless us now with a sense of your presence. Deepen our faith that we need not fear. Help us to be forgiving that we might know forgiveness. Make real to us Him who loves us and gave himself for us. We pray, as He taught us:
The Lord's Prayer
* Hymn 3 "God Himself Is With Us"
THE WRITTEN WORD
Old Testament Deuteronomy 8
Anthem Sing To The Lord of Harvest Willan
THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer Twofold Amen
THE COMMISSIONING OF CANVASSERS

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Trio for Organ Handel
* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication
THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
Children's Sermon
* Hymn 68 "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Sermon Stewardship

A Discipline in Getting and Using Things

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 300 "Rise Up, O Men of God"

* Benediction

* Choral Response The Lord Bless You and Keep You

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THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God by the Elon College Monday Night Bridge Club in memory of Miss Georgie Moore.

CALLERS for the Every Member Canvass are commissioned today and will begin calls in your home this afternoon. With your help our 1975 church budget of $46,095. will be subscribed in full.

TODAY 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Christian Education Committee

THE CONGREGATION joins in expressing Christian Sympathy to the Family upon the death of Lila C. Newman on November 7. Memorial Services were held here yesterday.

HOSPITALIZED: Howard Loy, Memorial; and Ruth Hurst at County.

LOOK AHEAD TO: family night on local church history next Sunday evening at 6:00...Conference on church history at Elon College on Nov. 19...teachers and other leaders meet with Dr. Sam Fudge on Nov. 20.

joy

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 10, 1974**

Stewardship Sunday **John 16:16-24**

Francis Bacon once noted, "prosperity is the blessing of the Old Testament: adversity is the blessing of the New." To follow Jesus is to risk adversity. Love can be rebuffed. The struggle for justice provokes opposition by those who profit from injustice. Peacemakers draw the fire of people who thrive on conflict. All that is on one side. On the other side is joy—the joy of valor, of goodness, of love answering love, of justice won, of peace which the world can neither give nor take away. Christ is blessing, not doom. His gift is eternal joy!

STEWARDSHIP IS . . .

Stewardship is the outward expression of the concern we have for the needs of people, the natural world, and the orders of society. Christian stewardship is both personal and corporate. It takes into account the use of our resources through the agencies of society and through the church to enact in word and deed the life-changing gospel of Jesus and to work for a future based on justice, liberation, reconciliation, peace, and wholeness of self and of community. How we respond to this concern is a rather accurate indicator of our relationship to ourselves and to our God.

The concern we express in stewardship is love—the love of God as found in the interaction of our lives with the gospel and with the lives of others. We love because we have been loved. In practical terms this means that the hungry must be fed, the inadequately clothed be given clothes, the homeless housed, the oppressed provided with true justice, the forgotten remembered, the good earth respected, and the good news proclaimed.

To accomplish all of this, we who care need to give of ourselves, our money, our time, and our ability. There is no other way that the job will get done, the mission be accomplished. The need is great, but so also is our potential to meet the need, for collectively the church has tremendous power. Yet this power cannot be released until together we make a conscious, personal decision to direct ourselves, our money, our time, and our ability toward accomplishing the mission of the church, locally and worldwide. The time for such Christian stewardship is now!

—Rev. C. David Langerhans
Secretary for Christian Enlistment
Stewardship Council
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November 17, 1974 Church Heritage Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE O World, I Now Must Leave Thee Brahms

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit God Be in My Head
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
O God our Refuge, our Strength, and our Help in time of trouble, enable us to be still and know you as our true Defender, that we may continue in your word and know the truth that will make us free. In the name of Jesus, our Lord, amen.

* Hymn 365 "Faith of Our Fathers"

THE WRITTEN WORD
Old Testament Psalm 145:1-5,14-21
New Testament Hebrews 11-12:2
Anthem Praise We Sing To Thee Haydn
Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Soprano

THE WORD OF PRAYER
Silent Prayers of the People
The Pastoral Prayer Twofold Amen

REPORT ON THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS Mr. Updyke

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Jesu, Meine Freude Marpurg
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome

* Hymn 481 "I Sing A Song of The Saints of God"

Sermon A Roll-call of Faith
In the Tradition of the Book of Hebrews

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* Hymn 272 "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" (st. 1,2)
* Benediction
* Choral Response The Doxology

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TODAY: 3:00 Sr. Hi Youth visit the elderly
5:00 Confirmation Class

FAMILY NIGHT is this evening at 6:00. The covered-dish dinner will be followed by "some scenes from local church history". Do come!

YOU ARE INVITED to the Conference on Church History Tuesday at McEwen Dining Hall, beginning at 9:30. Dr. Hurst and our pastor will be among those presenting papers. Make your reservation today and you will be a guest of the college for lunch.

TEACHERS and houseparents will meet with Mr. Sam Fudge at the MacFarland Building for a session on "Children and Youth in Today's Society", November 20 at 7:00 p.m. Other adults are invited.

HOSPITALIZED: Mrs. Elsie Bryant at Memorial.



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 17, 1974**

Mark 4:26-29

This century is a parade of crises, catastrophes, and disasters. We are now left with little excitement over the present and less hope for the future. Our dominant mood is abandonment: God seems to have turned away, leaving us to our fate. Jesus knew abandonment at Golgotha. He survived it by hope in a providence he had likened to seed in good earth, growing surely and steadily, until the final and full harvest of God's purpose for human life. Christians can survive this century and create a new future if they can share Jesus' vision and hope.

PEACE PIPE, WAR BONNET, AND CROSS

As you prepare for your participation in this year's American Indian Sunday all-church offering remember that Indian congregations themselves also will be observing this event. Two years ago, in the Elk Horn Congregational United Church of Christ in Little Eagle, South Dakota, on the Standing Rock Reservation, a special program was held to observe the occasion.

Mrs. Dale Little Dog, the woman who called upon the United Church of Christ, in a speech to the General Synod, to observe an American Indian Sunday, is a member of this congregation. On this occasion she spoke to the congregation about the peace pipe and the war bonnet which were placed in the church alongside the cross. The peace pipe and war bonnet, she said, are symbols of the past. Today's emphasis is upon development of American Indian leadership. The funding received from American Indian Sunday will help to develop such leadership. "But the biggest task is *ours*," she said, "to help develop our own strong, dedicated leaders by encouragement and involvement. We in the Dakota Association must endeavor to work toward self-determination resulting in improvement because the U. C. C. churches across the nation are coming to our assistance this day. Today we are proud of our heritage and still try to retain the values of our ancestors—generosity, bravery, cooperation, listening to the wisdom of the elders, love of nature. Through these values we will be unified and move toward our goals."

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CONFERENCE ON CHURCH HISTORY

November 19, 1974

McEwen Dining Hall
Elon College
Elon College, North Carolina

Sponsored by:

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PANEL MEMBERS

The Reverend Thomas R. Hamilton
Pastor of Elon College Community Church, Elon College, North Carolina; reared in the tradition of the Evangelical Synod of North America.

Dr. Alfred W. Hurst
Retired Campus Minister and Assistant Professor of Religion, Elon College; Minister of Congregational Churches.

Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr.
Conference Minister of the Southern Conference of the United Church of Christ.

The Reverend Frank W. Snider
Pastor of Calvary United Church of Christ, Thomasville, North Carolina; reared in the tradition of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Dr. J. Taylor Stanley
Former Superintendent of the Convention of the South of Congregational Christian Churches.

Dr. Durward T. Stokes
Professor of History, Elon College; co-author of A History of the Christian Church in the South.

OTHER PARTICIPANTS

Dr. Robert C. Baxter, Vice President for Legal Affairs, Elon College

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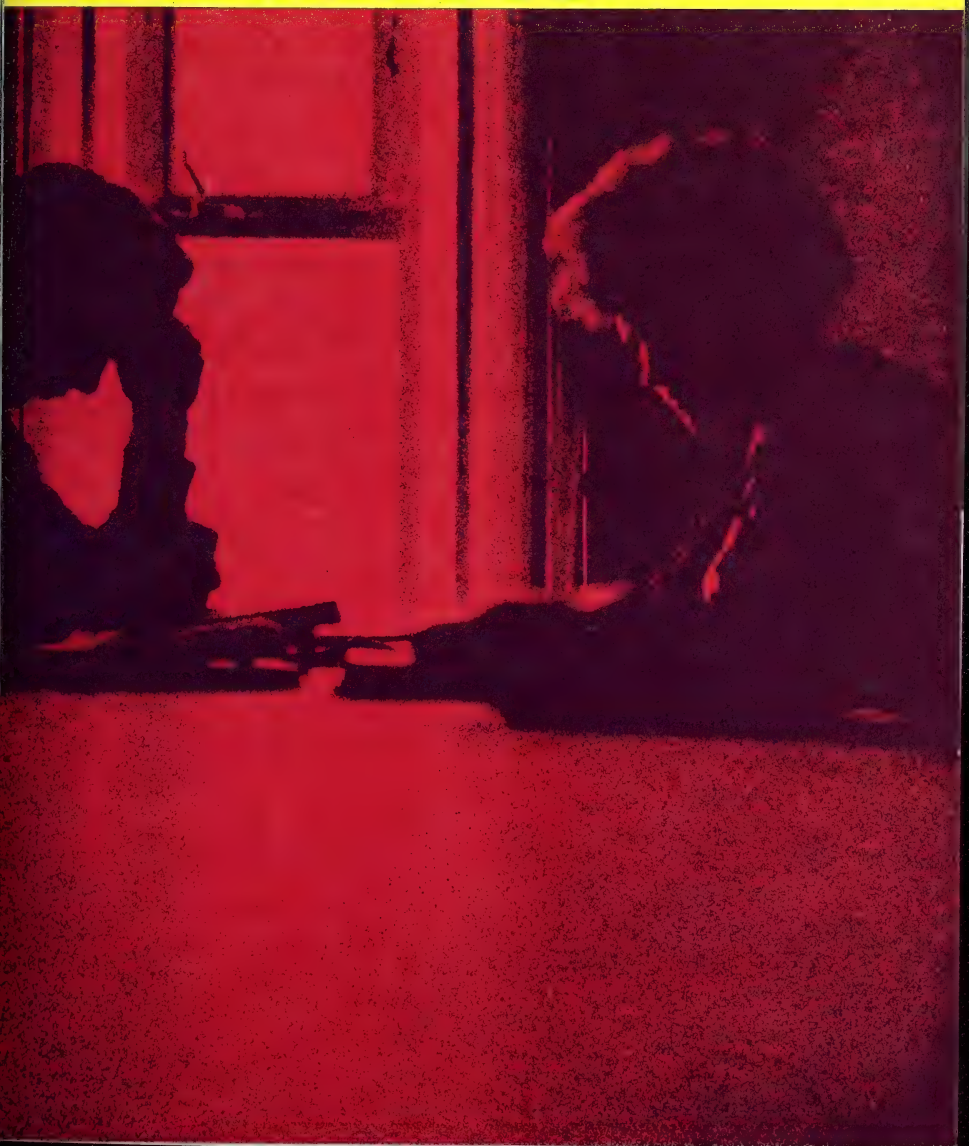
Dr. James H. Overton, Jr., Professor of Religion, Elon College

Dr. J. Fred Young, President, Elon College

November 19, 1974

9:30-10:00	Coffee
0:00-10:20	Thomas R. Hamilton History of the Evangelical Synod of North America to 1934
0:20-10:30	Questions
0:30-10:50	Alfred W. Hurst History of the Congregational Church to 1931
0:50-11:00	Questions
1:00-11:20	Frank W. Snider History of the Reformed Church in the United States to 1934 and the Evangelical and Reformed Church to 1957
1:20-11:30	Questions
1:30-12:00	Durward T. Stokes History of the Christian Churches to 1931
2:00-12:10	Questions
2:15-1:30	Lunch James H. Overton, Jr. Invocation J. Fred Young Remarks
1:30-1:50	J. Taylor Stanley History of the Black Congregational Christian Churches to 1957
1:50-2:00	Questions
2:00-2:30	James H. Lightbourne, Jr. History of the Congregational Christian Churches 1931-1957 and the United Church of Christ since 1957
2:30-2:45	Questions
2:45-3:00	Questions for entire panel

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November 24, 1974 Thanksgiving Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Give Thanks to God the Father Schmidt

PRAISE TO GOD
Choral Introit We Gather Together
Call to Worship
Prayer of Invocation (all uniting)
Our Father, we are mindful of your guiding hand having led past generations from the wilderness of life into the land of abundance. Your blessing came in wheat, barley, olives, and honey, in love, mercy, kindness, and peace. These blessings we pray for our day as well. Amen
* Hymn 461 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

SCRIPTURE AND PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING
Matthew 11:25,26 Silent Prayers
Mark 8:6 Silent Prayers
Philippians 1:3 Silent Prayers
I Timothy 1:12 Silent Prayers
II Corinthians 9:12 Silent Prayers
Psalm 8:3-9 Congregation Singing
"Lord of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.

PRAISE THROUGH GIVING
Offertory Anthem Give Thanks Lovelace
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication

THE SPOKEN WORD
The Word of Welcome
Children's Sermon

* Hymn 98 "My God, I Thank Thee"
Sermon Thanks - For Everything
GOING OUT TO SERVE
* Hymn 29 "Now Thank We All Our God"
* Benediction
* Congregational Response The Doxology

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TODAY 3:00 Senior Hi Youth
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Worship Committee

A BRIEF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING to elect officers, and boards and committee personnel will follow our Service of Worship this morning.

A COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE will be held here Wednesday evening at 7:30. Participating with us will be the congregations of First Baptist Church of Elon College, First Baptist Church of Morgan Place, and Edgewood United Church of Christ.

OTHER Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Harper upon the birth of Brian Keith on November 19...Articles for The Torch are due tomorrow morning...The Adult Choir rehearsal will follow Wednesday evening's Worship Service...The church office will be closed on Thursday... Next Sunday is the first day of Advent.



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST **November 24, 1974**

American Indian Sunday All-church Offering

Luke 12:22-34

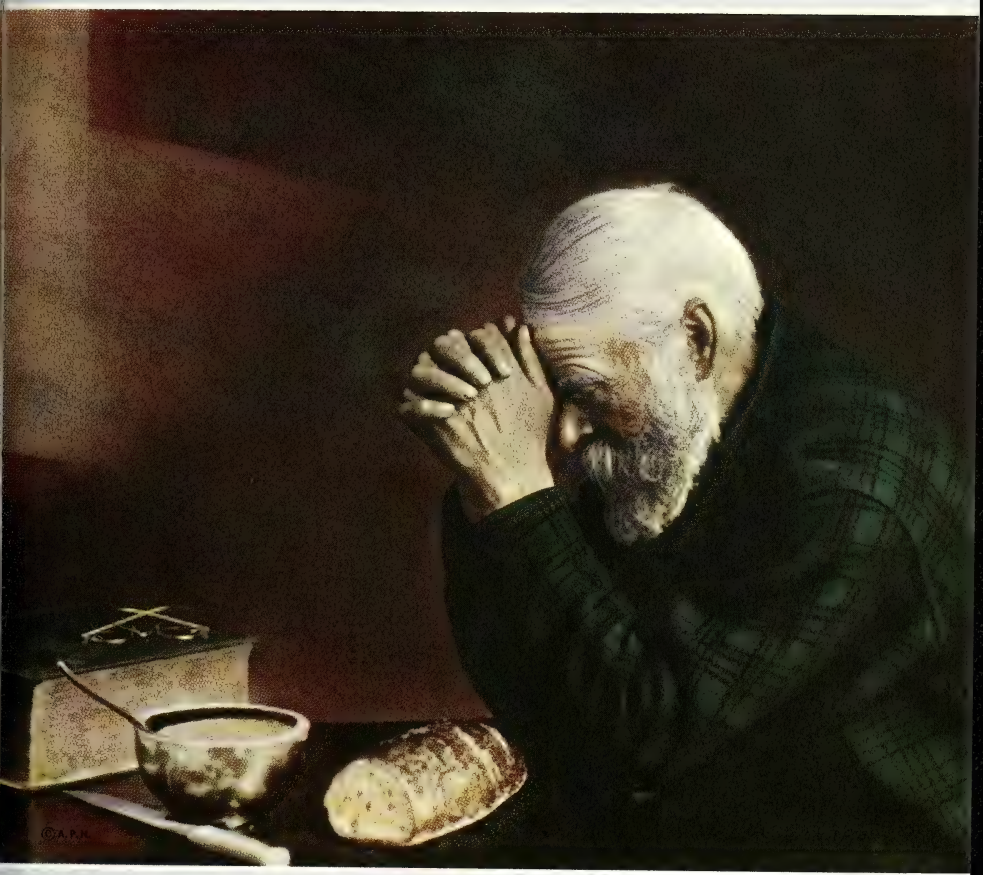
Someone has called this society "econocentric," a way to describe the modern preoccupation with money and goods. That preoccupation overlays a deep anxiety. On the surface: high priority to amassing wealth and consuming goods. Underneath: our disbelief in God and anxiety over our worth as persons. Jesus' proposal: that we gain liberation from the anxious, futile struggle to prove our worth on the world's terms by the acceptance of worth on God's terms. "Of how much more value are you. . . !"

LEARNING TO "SEE RED"

For 12,000 American Indian listeners in the New York City area, "Seeing Red" is a radio show which is broadcasted over station WBAI-FM. For members of the United Church of Christ, American Indian Sunday is an opportunity to begin "seeing Red"—begin seeing and understanding the American Indian in both the church and the community.

The American Indian Sunday all-church offering goes to support the work of our Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM), which anticipates an annual income of just over $400,000. It is estimated that $200,000 will come from the offering, $152,000 from the continuing support of our United Church Board for Homeland Ministries, and the rest from individual gifts. Of the total amount given by the UCBHM, $35,000 is channeled through CAIM to the United Scholarship Service, an independent agency supporting higher education for American Indians. The rest of CAIM's income is allocated to support for twenty-one Indian congregations in Wisconsin, North Dakota, and South Dakota, administrative expenses of the council, and a variety of projects including Charles Hall Youth Services in Bismarck, North Dakota, and Cook Christian Training School in Tempe, Arizona.

However, CAIM will be able to make grants to only a few of the more than fifty proposed projects across the country, unless income from the American Indian Sunday offering exceeds all expectations. That can happen only if members of the United Church of Christ really begin to "see Red!" Then will the prayer of Black Elk, a wise seer of the Sioux, begin to be fulfilled, "Let my people live!"



O GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Wednesday November 27, 1974

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The Organ Prelude

The Call to Worship Reverend Cockman

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the Lord is God!
It is he that made us, and we are his;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and courts with praise!
Give thanks to him, bless his name!

People: For the Lord is good;
His steadfast love endures forever,
And his faithfulness to all generations.
Psalm 100

*Let's Sing: "We Gather Together" No. 21
"For the Beauty of the Earth" No. 66
"O Worship the King" No. 6

The Welcome

Thoughts for Thanksgiving

"Appreciation verbally expressed can oil the machinery of friendship and provide encouragement for the struggles of life."

"Those who wish to sing always find a song."

"All our discontents spring from the want of thankfulness for what we have."

e Litany of Thanksgiving

nister: For the food which Thou has given, making this a bountiful harvest for all,

ople: We thank Thee, Lord.

nister: For the wheat, corn and other grains of the field,

ople: We thank Thee, Lord.

nister: For the squash, pumpkin and all food of the vine,

ople: We thank Thee, Lord.

nister: For the apple, pear and those fruits that grow on the tree,

ople: We thank Thee, Lord.

nister: For the cabbage, lettuce and all green leafy things,

ople: We thank Thee, Lord.

nister: For the food of the spirit so freely come from Thee, nourishing our spiritual lives day by day,

ople: We thank Thee, Lord.

pecial Music "Heart Divine"
Mildred Cockman and Carol Leffers

ld Testament Lesson I Chronicles 29:10-14

hanksgiving Prayer

ew Testament Lesson II Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

ymn No. 462 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"

he Offering

horal Anthem "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

he Sermon "When We Say The Blessing"
Reverend Hamilton

(over)

* Hymn No. 64 "All Creatures of Our God and King

The Benediction

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We welcome the people from Edgewood, First Baptist of Morgan Place, First Baptist of Elon, and the Community Church to the joint Thanksgiving Service.

The undesignated offering tonight will be divided between the Baptist Children's Homes and the Children's Home of Elon College. Any offering in special envelopes will go to the purpose designated.

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December 1, 1974 First Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Come, Savior of the Gentiles Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Minister: Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. Lift up your eyes round about, and see.
People: Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter to praise the Lord.
Choir: Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*HYMN 228 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 2:2-5
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:5-11; 4:5-9

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
* The Statement of Faith
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Pastor's Prayer for the People
The Choral Response Twofold Amen
ANTHEM Come Unto Him
Mrs. Peggy Lackey, Soprano
LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLE OF HOPE
* Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (St. 1,2)
THE OFFERING
Offertory Jesus Christ, the Father's Only Son
* Congregational Response "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

* Prayer of Dedication

SERMON Advent Blends Hope and Fear

*HYMN 202 "Jesus Shall Reign"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response God Be With You Til We Meet Again

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TODAY 3:00 Senior Hi Youth go ice skating
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:30 Board of Deacons

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM is administered today to Robert F. Woody, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Woody, Jr. and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Perry, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Woody.

OUR SERVICES OF WORSHIP this month are being broadcast over station WBBB, 920 on the dial.

OTHER The Junior Choir rehearses Thursday at 3:15... Christmas Family Night is next Sunday evening...The community is invited to the Elon Christmas Festival to be held in front of the Town Hall on Tuesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30.



Trinity Sunday **Ephesians 1:3-14**

Would you believe that you are named in God's will? He left you a part of his family estate. When you get into somebody's will, it evokes at least two responses. One is enormous curiosity about what is left to you. Well, we need not be curious about that because we know. He left us an inheritance of joyous security and confident trust so that we can spend our life in self-affirming, God-praising doxology. The other response is anxious concern that we get our share and not lose it either by neglect or by getting cheated. But we need not be anxious because God has guaranteed it. He won't let us be cheated. God not only gives gifts. He ensures reception by all who want them.

CAIHL PROVIDES THE FIRST STEP

CAIHL, Cooperativa de Abastecimientos Industriales Honduras Limitada, is helping Honduras to enter the industrial age, with your assistance. Not only is this cooperative of woodworking shops promising a better standard of living to its members and workers and providing a direct benefit to the national economy, it is also engaged in making a significant social witness through the donation of 5% of annual net profits to its own educational ventures. CAIHL is intended as a pilot program and model for all of Central America.

Started with expertise, a feasibility study provided by Technoserve, and loans guaranteed by unrestricted reserves of the United Church Board for World Ministries, CAIHL has created 633 new jobs in its first six months of operation and by 1980 could have more than 2,000 workers in its shops. As the financial capacity of the new organization allows, new services will be added. By 1979, CAIHL hopes to build a clinic offering free services for minor surgery, nutrition, child care, and maternity care. By 1976 or before, savings and loan, housing, and scholarship programs will be created.

Technoserve, founded by Ed Bullard, a lay member of the United Church of Christ, is a non-profit, service organization which is supported by the United Church Board for World Ministries and by other church, foundation, private, and public groups. It acts as a catalytic and enabling organization in the development of self-help enterprises in Ghana, Honduras, and Kenya.

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our young men shall see visions
our old men shall dream dreams

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December 8, 1974 Second Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE The Son of God Cometh to Earth Van Hulse

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 40:3-5
Choral Introit
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord, most high.
PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL 132 "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

THE PROPHECY OF A MESSIAH
Old Testament Reading Isaiah 9:2-7
Lighting the Advent Candle of Faith
* Hymn 110 "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (st. 1-3)
THE INCARNATION - God Appears in the Flesh
"The Morning of Christ's Nativity" (Milton) Part 1
Anthems
Of the Father's Love Begotten Plainsong
In the Bleak Midwinter G. T. Holst
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling arr. Cassler
Prayer of Thanksgiving
* Carol 120 "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing" (st. 1,2)
THE ADORATION - Response to God's Wonderful Love
"The Morning of Christ's Nativity" (Milton) Part 2
Anthems Come Ye to Bethlehem K. K. Davis
Beautiful Savior arr. Riegger
Gesu Bambino P. A. Yon

THE CANTATA
For Us A Child Is Born
by J. S. Bach

verture

horus: For us a child is born, a Son to us is given.

ria: So appears thy natal day. My redeemer, hear, O hear me: I renew my holy pledge to be steadfast, true, and faithful. In the darkness I am lost, for I know not how to find what I search for. What I search for, what I long for, as a sacrifice I bring thee. Let my heart this day be thine, O my Lord.

horus: Laud we the name of God most holy. Praise we his name most holy. Praise with a mighty anthem. Let his be the honor and thanks.

ria: Lord, my thanks to thee. Lord, I praise thy name and fame. Then my lot through thy compassion thou hast raised in thine own fashion, and thou art my saving grace.

ecitative: Immanuel! O give to me in thy great mercy that which my faith and spirit fain would have. How can I tell thee all of my poor heart's emotion, which this thy birthday wakes within me? O let my voice be raised so that I may sing thy praise.

ria: Lord, I sing thy name forever. For I am through thee redeemed. Nothing clouds my spirit, and my heart through thy great favor finds its bounteous strength in thee.

orus: Alleluia. O praised be God. All raise your voices, sing with thankful voices. Thou, God, today hast given us joy. Hold fast to him and praise his name eternal.

Sopranos	Altos
Gertrude Barney	Susan Barney
Lois Bost	Winifred Barney
Jane Danieley	Susan Brown
Lynn Fogleman	Kim Collins
Dawn Flye	Melva Foster
Maurine Gminder	Esther Gminder
June Grubb	Olga Griswold
Jane Hamilton	Joy Hamilton
Peggy Lackey	Patty Loy
Vicky Price	Aundree Price
Sharon Rinker	Jane Updyke
Peachy Troxler	Penny Updyke
Gina Turner	
Edrianna Updyke	

Tenors	Basses
Wes Alexander	John Barney
Trelles Case	Jim Brown
Paul Cheek	Tim Price
Bill Ellis	Worden Updyke
Nathan Gminder	Jim Venaris
Joseph Gminder	Louis Wilkins
Al Primm	

David A. Bragg, Conductor
Mary Alice Bragg, Organist

Soloists

Winifred Barney, Contralto
Maurine Gminder, Soprano
Tim Price, Baritone
Worden Updyke, Bass

New Testament Reading - The Magnificat Luke 1:46-55
The Gifts of Tithes and Offerings
Anthems
Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light Bach
Within Yon Gloomy Manger Lies Bach
* Hymn 140 "What Child Is This (st. 1,3)

THE CANTATA For Us A Child is Born Bach

BENEDICTION
Choral Response O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
POSTLUDE For You Shall Go Out in Joy Holst

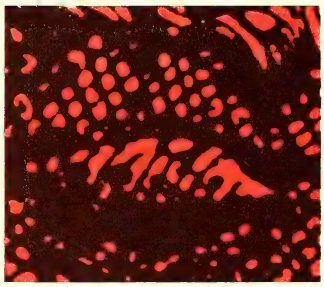
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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we welcome the members of the Mary Sue Brittle Class of Bethlehem United Church of Christ in Suffolk, Virginia. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Howard Richardson. Greeters of the Day are A. L. Hook and E.W. Brafford.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Janet Loy Faulkner by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Loy.

THE CHRISTMAS WREATHS on the front church doors are given to the Glory of God in memory of Georgia A. Moore by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Matlock, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Smith.

TODAY 4:00 "The Messiah" at Whitley Auditorium
5:00 Confirmation Class
7:00 Family Night "Hanging of the Greens" for all ages - classroom-decorating, banner-making, carol-singing, tree decorating, refreshments, and slides of Bethlehem and Nazareth.



see visions . . . dream dreams

PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 21, 1972

Visions and dreams!
How unscientific in our massive technological society!
Can anyone take visionaries and dreamers seriously?
In Acts, the author Luke, marks the birthday of the church
As fulfilling the Old Testament prophet Joel's anticipation
Of young men's visions and old men's dreams
In the power of God's Spirit.
Enough of religion that kept everything within icy limits
And killed off those who dared to challenge empty customs!
Here was a power that smashed all the boundaries men erect
To protect their nation and race, religious heritage or social class—
A power at work in Jesus and now calling the church
To be the seer of visions and the dreamer of dreams
That lead to God's new community of men, his new humanity.

Visions and dreams!
Impractical, unrealistic, stupid?
What else can provide the perspective and power for us
To work for peace, God's health, with more commitment than for war?
To use technological skill to save human life
With more conviction than we build weapons to destroy it?
To tax ourselves to meet the problems of poverty and pollution
With more courage than we pass appropriations for defense?
To care for people with more concern than we show for property?
O church with such a birthday, what are you now?
The religious establishment that kills the prophets?
Or a vibrant, throbbing fellowship of visions and dreams
Transformed into daily life and joy that builds God's world
And shows to all that we have not been born in vain.

—*Dr. Paul Hammer*
Professor of New Testament
Colgate Rochester/Bexley Hall/Crozer Divinity Schools

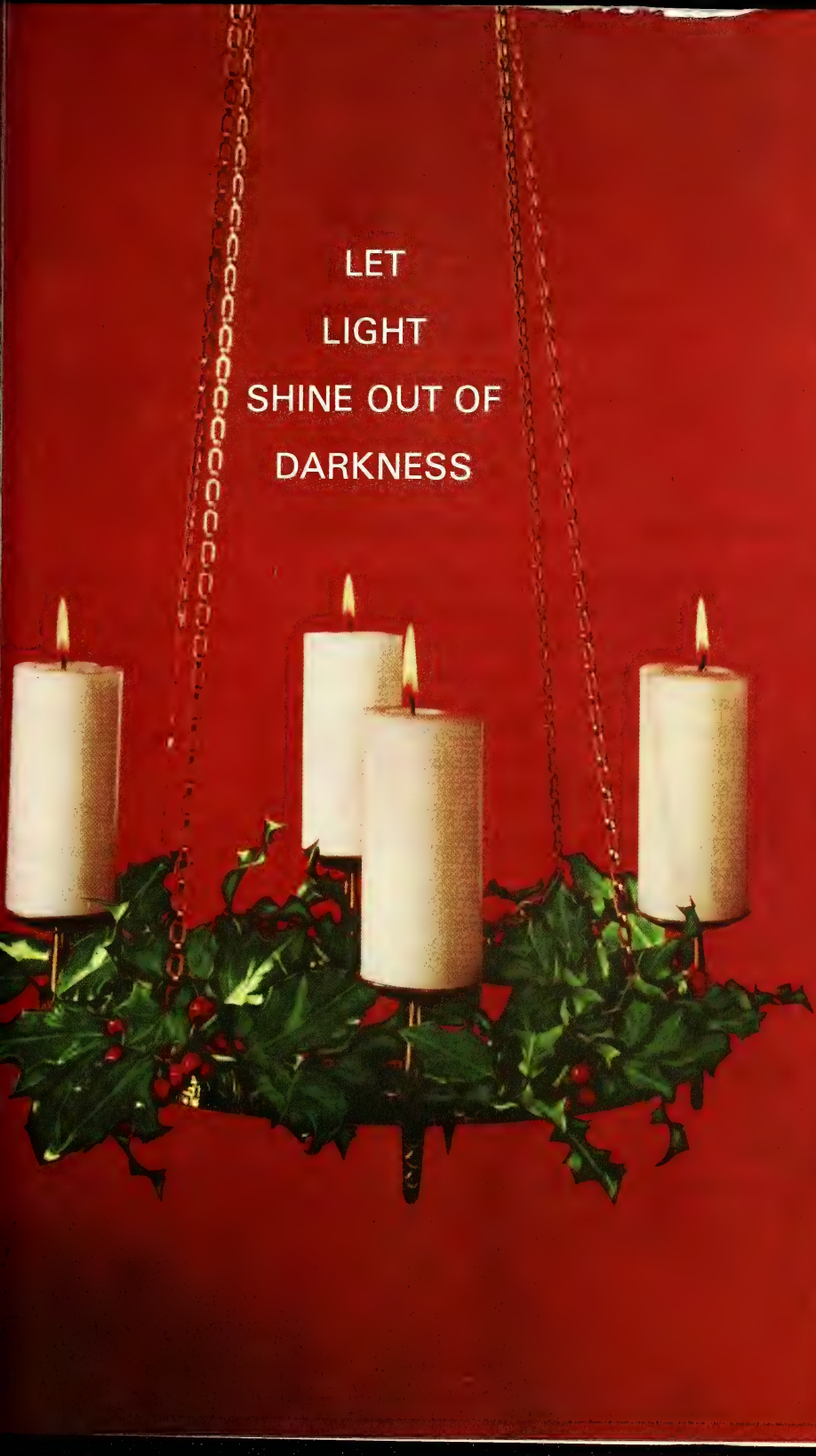
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December 15, 1974 Third Sunday in Advent 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Shepherds, Leave Your Flocks Nevins

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL 130 "Joy To The World"

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Lift up your voice with strength; lift it up and fear not.
People: Say to the cities, "Behold your God".
Pastor: Glory to God in the highest.
People: And on earth peace, good will toward all.
Choir: "Rejoice and Be Merry."

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 35
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 2:1-18

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
Choral Response
ANTHEM Sing Gloria Twofold Amen
Combined Choirs

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES
Children's Sermon The Candle of Love
* Carol 146 "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks"
THE OFFERING
Offertory Anthem Three Carols for Christmas Grundman
* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON In Those Days

*CAROL 134 "O Little Town of Bethlehem"

*BENEDICTION

Choral Response The Joy of Christmas L.M. Emig

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TODAY 3:00 Handel's "Messiah" at Western High School
5:00 Confirmation Class
5:00 Senior High Youth
7:30 The drama "No Room in the Inn-Group" will be presented here.

THE ADULT CHOIR meets Wednesday at 6:00 for a covered dish dinner followed by choir rehearsal and community caroling.

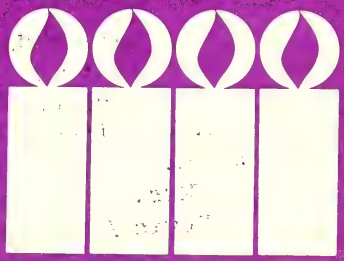
NEXT SUNDAY Church School classes of grades 1-12 will meet in the Parish House at 9:45 a.m. for a Christmas celebration. At 7:30 p.m. we will hold our Second Annual Moravian Lovefeast with brass choir, bell choir and the traditional buns and coffee.

OTHER Those who wish to help decorate the chancel with poinsettias are asked to have them here by early next Sunday morning...Our Services of Worship during December are being broadcast over WBBB.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR
June M. Grubb, Director

Ronnie Andrews
Melanie Artley
Lucy Atkinson
Beth Barbee
Billy Blanchard
John Brown
Tommy Burns
Tim Carroll
Jeanette Cates
Pam Day
Sherry Day
Brenda Epps
Billy Flynn
Mary Flynn
Daniel Hamilton
Dawn Houston
Orlando Houston
Angie Johnson
Carol Knight
Robert Knight
Gray Lackey
Lena Latta
Louise Latta
Barbara Marks
Denise Marks
Lisa Marks
Lora Miles
Bobby Mims
Teresa Mims
Greg Price
Jeff Price
Neal Reaves
Melvin Robinson
Andre Wilkins
Charles Wilkins
Paul Williams
Janet Wyson
Linda Zufall

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December 22, 1974 Christmas Sunday 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Variations On a Christmas Theme Nevins

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL 117 "Angels from the Realms"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel, which means God with us.

People: God be with us now as we celebrate the birth of his Son.

Pastor: God be with us in our prayers, our songs, our gifts, our meditations.

People: God be with us now and always.

Choir: "O Come, Desire of Nations"

PRAYER OF INVOCATION O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

* Gloria Patri

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 2:1-12

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Choral Response Twofold Amen

ANTHEM Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming Praetorius

LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

Children's Sermon The Candle of Peace

* Carol 120 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo O Holy Night
(Peggy Lackey, Soprano)

* Congregational Response We Give Thee But Thine Own
* Prayer of Dedication
SERMON Now When Jesus was born in Bethlehem

*HYMN 114 "Lift Up Your Heads"

*BENEDICTION
Choral Response Glory to God in the Highest

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

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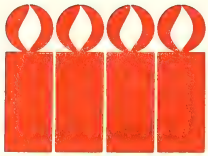
TONIGHT at 7:30 we shall hold our Second Annual Christmas Lovefeast in cooperation with the Moravian Fellowship of Burlington and the First Moravian Church of Greensboro. The Service will include the traditional buns and coffee and the lighting of candles.

NEXT SUNDAY, church officers, boards, and committees will be installed to office and Bill Blanchard will be ordained as a Deacon. In the evening at 8:00 all our college students are invited to the parsonage for fun and fellowship.

OUR DECEMBER SERVICES are being broadcast over WBBB, 920 on your radio dial.

THE CHRISTMAS CARD from you, the Elon College Community Church to you, the Elon College Community Church, is in the narthex. Our Christmas wish comes as a prayer that faith, hope, love, and peace may be yours.

Merry Christmas.



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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT **December 22, 1974**

HE COMES . . .

Can the Christmas Story still speak to us and to our world?
Or is it pious poetry, temporarily warming our hearts
Until we hasten on, without his birth, to business as usual?
Listen! Jesus comes . . .

In a political setting: "when Quirinius was governor of Syria."
He comes, not just to touch the softened edge of our personal life,
But to transform the hardened center of our public world.

In a messianic setting: "the house and lineage of David."
He comes, not to float ideas abstractly as a philosopher in the blue,
But to free people concretely as a friend on the earth.

In a grass-roots setting: "she laid him in a manger."
He comes, not to reign with proud folk in the splendor of plenty,
But to reside with humble folk in the squalor of poverty.

In an outcast setting: "there were shepherds out in the field."
He comes, not to commend good and lovely people with compliments,
But to challenge lying and fearful pocket-padders with new joy.

In a cosmic setting: "a multitude of the heavenly host."
He comes, not just to mediate joy and peace to a marred earth,
But to motivate the universe's praise to a merciful God.

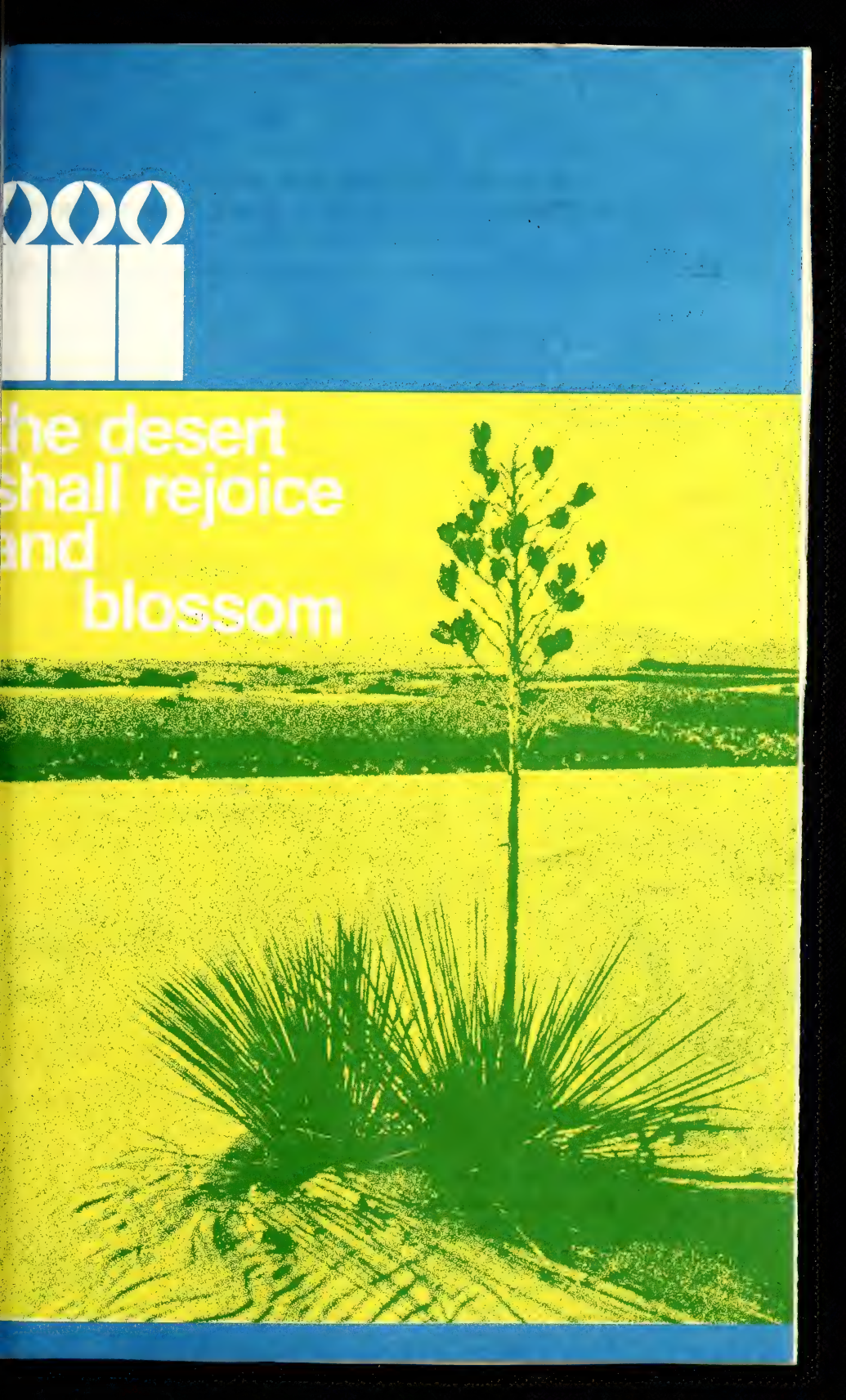
In a divine setting: "Glory to God in the highest."
He comes, not to parade an autonomous and self-made picture of man,
But to proclaim the liberating and healing purpose of God.

Pious poetry to warm our hearts? Yes, but far more!
A Story to change politics and people, priorities and perspectives,
That heaven and earth may see in us God's "good news of a great joy."

—*Paul L. Hammer*
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ELON COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
BURLINGTON MORAVIAN FELLOWSHIP FIRST MORAVIAN CHURCH
CHRISTMAS LOVEFEAST
December 22, 1974 7:30 p.m.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE
The Brass Ensemble (on the lawn)
The Sisters' Bellchor
CALL TO WORSHIP Mr. Hamilton
Lighting the Advent Candles and the Christmas Candle
Choral Introit Break Forth, O Beauteous
PRAYER OF INVOCATION
* Carol "O Come, All Ye Faithful"
SCRIPTURE READING
The Moravian Lovefeast Story
CAROLS "O Little Town of Bethlehem"
"Silent Night, Holy Night"
"Angels From the Realms of Glory"
(The buns and coffee are distributed.)
TRADITIONAL MORAVIAN BLESSING
"Come, Lord Jesus, Our Guest to be,
And bless these gifts bestowed by Thee"
ANTHEM "He Shall Feed His Flock" Handel
(Maurine Gminder, Soprano; Winifred Barney, Alto)
HYMNS "O Savior of our Race"
"Softly The Night is Sleeping"
"Redeemer Come, I Open Wide"
(The coffee mugs are collected.)
CHRISTMAS PRAYER Mr. Livengood

SOLO So Appears Thy Natal Day Bach
(Tim Price, Baritone)
MEDITATION Mr. Hamilton

ANTHEM Sing Gloria Davis
(The candles are distributed.)
HYMNS "Morning Star" Soloist Gray Lackey, and Congregation (The congregation sings the words in italics.)

* "Christ the Lord Now is Born"
(As the fourth stanza begins, the candles are lifted to symbolize Jesus Christ, the Light of the world.)

*BENEDICTION

* Choral Response Silent Night, Holy Night

POSTLUDE Glory to God in the Highest Pergolesi

WE ARE PLEASED to welcome all our visitors to this Christmas Lovefeast sponsored by the Burlington Moravian Fellowship, The First Moravian Church of Greensboro, and the Elon College Community Church.

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THE WORSHIP LEADERS include:

J. Earl Danieley and Ken Harper, Greeters
The Rev. Mr. C. Jerome Livengood, Pastor of the First Moravian Church, Greensboro
The Rev. Mr. Thomas R. Hamilton, host Pastor
The Brass Ensemble from Burlington, under the direction of Mr. Tom Graham
The Sisters' Bellchor from Greensboro, under the direction of Rev. Livengood
The Dieners of the Burlington Moravian Fellowship assisted by members of the Elon College Community Church and coordinated by Mr. Charles Orcutt
The Choir of the Elon College Community Church, Mrs. Mary Alice Bragg, director and organist.



THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

December 15, 1974

Isaiah 35:1-6

A desert in bloom: through it a highway runs. Over that highway, rejoicing exiles return home. Isaiah links that homecoming with the Messiah's advent. You understand it because once, when you were away from home at Christmas, you heard Dvorak's *Largo,* recalled the lyrics, "Goin' Home," and cried in longing. Another December, in wartime, someone sang, "I'll Be Home For Christmas." You wept for wayfaring soldiers. Over the radio on Christmas Eve, you heard George Buttrick read Chesterton's poem, "The House of Christmas," describing, "The place where God was homeless/And all men are at home." In recognition beyond thought, you wept for joy.

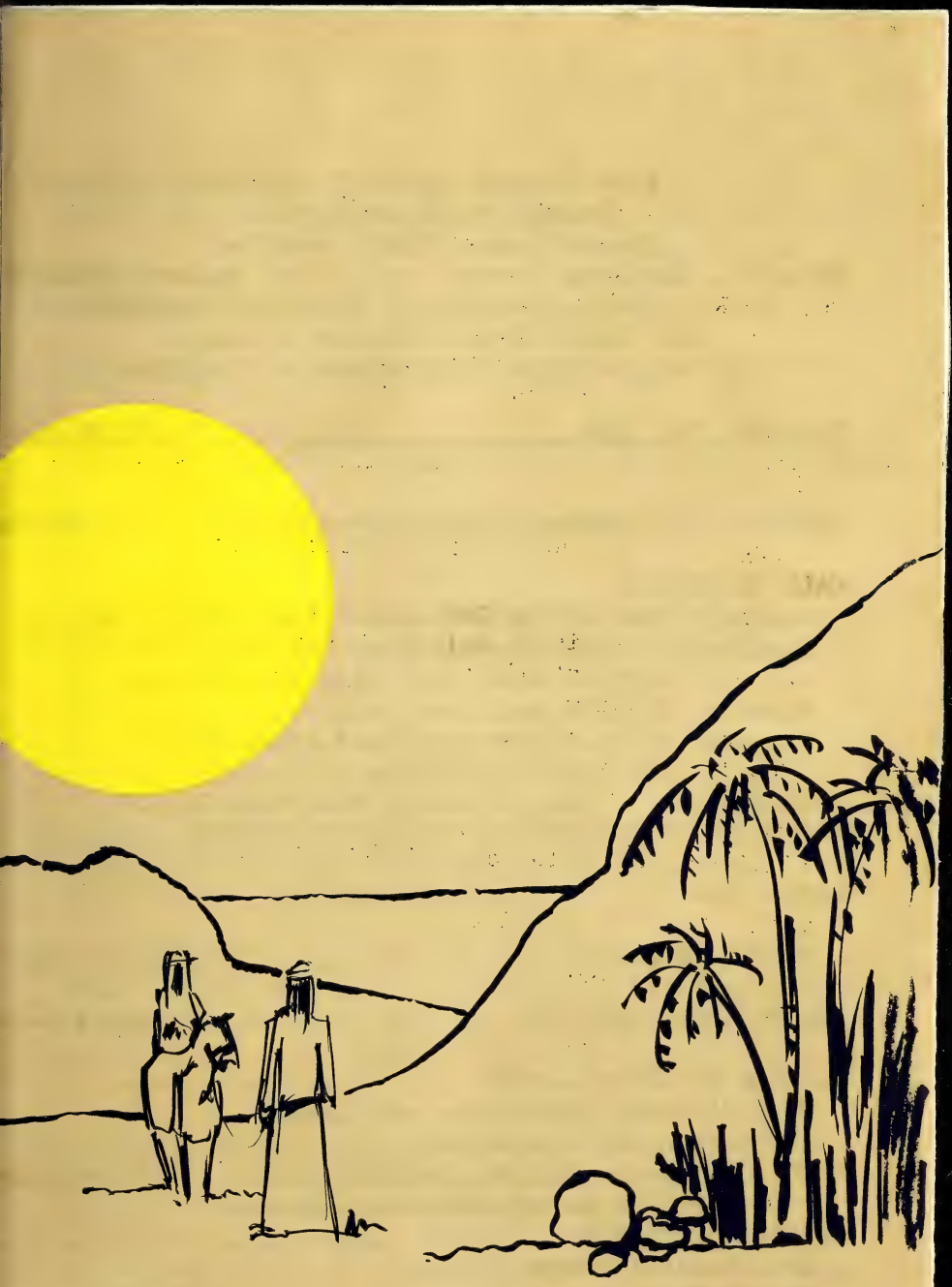
THE MEANING OF TIME

Time means many things to ministers of the United Church of Christ. To some, no longer able to be active pastoral leaders, time is still God's gift and they are still stewards of the gift. They do what they can.

To many retired ministers, handicapped by age or ill health, some having lost a wife or a husband, time means emptiness and loneliness. For them, just filling the time can be a problem. But lonely days are lightened by thoughtful people who remember them on special occasions. Through your gifts to the Christmas Fund, which is sponsored by the Pension Boards of the United Church of Christ, over 800 retired ministers and their spouses receive a special Christmas check to help them to have a fuller, happier life.

To still other ministers, active clergy facing unforeseen emergencies, time is a healer. They need both time and help to recover from the shock of illness, adversity, or loss. For them, the difficulties of the day are made more endurable by your gifts to the Christmas Fund which are then channeled year-round through the Pension Boards' Emergency Fund.

Thus, through your generous gifts to the Christmas Fund, you help to give new meaning to God's gift of time for these ministers of our denomination.



Out of Egypt have I called my son

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December 29, 1974 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE Shepherds, Leave Your Flocks Nevin

CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: This is how God showed his love for us:
People: He sent his only Son into the world
that we might have life through him.
Pastor: This is what love is:
People: It is not that we have loved God,
but that He loved us.
Choir: "How silently, how silently..."
PRAYER OF INVOCATION and THE LORD'S PRAYER

*CAROL 141 "The First Nowell"

A CHRISTMAS STORY
* Gloria Patri
NEW TESTAMENT READING John 1:1-16

SERVICE OF INSTALLATION
for Officers, Committees, and Boards
ordination and installation of a Deacon
SOLO Jesus Christ, the Holy Child B. Britten
(Ellen Barney Williams, Soprano)
SERVICE OF PRAYER
The Pastoral Prayer
Choral Response Twofold Amen
CHILDREN'S SERMON
Lighting the Advent Candle and the Christmas Candle
* Carol 129 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear"

THE OFFERING

Offertory Solo Thine Be The Glory, O God R.W. Hurst
(Dr. Rolland Hurst, Baritone)

* The Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

SERMON We Have Seen His Glory

*CAROL 138 "Silent Hight, Holy Night"

*A CHRISTMAS BENEDICTION

Choral Response He Rules the World with Truth and Grace

*Indicates when the congregation will stand.

A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended all who worship with us today. Especially we greet and welcome our visitors, requesting you to sign the Guest Register in the narthex. Attending the Guest Register as Church Hostess is Mrs. Dewey Holt. Greeters of the Day are Kenneth Harper and George Noah.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the Glory of God in memory of Miss Lila Clare Newman by Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Butler, Jr., and Family.

WE ARE PLEASED to have as soloists of the morning Mrs. Ellen Barney Williams, a graduate student at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston and Dr. Rolland Hurst of the music faculty at Fresno State University in Fresno, California.

THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION is held today for those persons elected by the congregation as officers or members of boards or committees. We also ordain Bill Blanchard as a Deacon. He is installed along with Paul Cheek and E. S. Lankford who have been ordained previously.

OTHER: Senior Hi Youth meet at 3:00 today...College students are invited to the parsonage at 8:00 this evening for informal fellowship with refreshments.



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS **December 29, 1974**

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

A sharp pathos marks the little family's flight into Egypt. Its plight is like that of millions of persons, threatened by cruel and powerful men. The infant Moses is hidden from Pharaoh in the Nile. Jewish children cringe in attics and cellars to evade Nazi police. Southeast Asian villagers flee into fields to escape "pacificating" bombers. The mystery of evil abides: many innocents are slaughtered. But the mystery of God's purpose also persists. Moses is delivered, and by him God delivers Israel. Jesus is not slain. He abides, the agent of a divine plan which no Herod can defeat.

HIGHER EDUCATION IS THE CHURCH'S BUSINESS

From the time of its beginning, the church of Jesus Christ has been engaged in education. During the Middle Ages it was the institution which preserved past knowledge and pressed toward new knowledge, and it was from its midst that the scholars of the Renaissance and of the Enlightenment emerged.

Today higher education continues to be a prime concern of the church, but new directions are being sought. A new responsibility faces the church to provide educational opportunities and privileges for many who in the past have not been part of the higher educational scene: the member of the minority group whose school experiences have ill-prepared him or her for advanced study; the middle-aged person seeking to retrain or to enrich his or her life; the law offender desiring to become a positive and contributing member of society; the retired person seeking to gain new knowledge so that he or she can participate in civic and social life more creatively.

The church continues to concern itself with the establishment of the value side of education as over against a denuded, factual, and analytic approach to truth. The truth we seek is that which sets us free for the sake of the world.

—*Esther C. Stine*
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